

Voluntary and Community Action

Environmental Grants

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This Information Sheet is a compilation of all the active grant schemes available to voluntary organisations and community groups in Bedfordshire, for funding environmental projects.

Funding Information Sheets

The Funding Advice Service has produced a series of Funding Information Sheets on:

- the different types of grants available
- good practice when applying for funding
- sustainable fundraising

These are available to download from our website or can be obtained from our office.



Awards for All

Awards for All give grants of between £300 and £10,000 for people to take part in art, sport, heritage, community activities and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. Organisations can receive up to £10,000 in any two year period.



Grants can be used for the putting on of an event or performance; training; pilot projects; start up costs; publicity material; equipment and materials; transport costs; volunteers' expenses etc.

There are no deadlines; organisations can apply at any time. Decisions will normally be made within eight weeks.

For an application pack telephone 0845 600 2040 or visit www.awardsforall.org.uk

WREN

WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) administer and distribute Waste Recycling Group's (WRG) Landfill Tax Credit Scheme (LTCS) money. The minimum grant is £2,000 and maximum grant £50,000.

WREN focuses its funding on community-based projects in the vicinity of a landfill site. Funding can be obtained for capital funds

for improvement of public areas. There are no specific deadlines, and it takes around four months to process grant applications.

For more information contact Project Administrator (Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire), WREN, Telephone: 01953 714126 or visit www.wren.org.uk

Biffaward—Biodiversity

Biffaward looks to support site-based projects that protect and enhance biodiversity across the UK, particularly those concentrating on species and habitats. Biodiversity, means the variety of natural living things - different plants, animals and insects.

To qualify for a grant, projects should be within 25 miles of a Biffa operation, which means that most of Bedfordshire is eligible (you should check the Biffaward website by entering your postcode).

You can apply for up to £50,000. A third party funder(s) would need to provide 10 per cent of the grant you are applying for.

A new Expression of Interest form is now available, which will help speed up our initial assessment process and save applicant's time.

For further details or an application pack contact the Biffaward Grants Team on 0870 036 1000, Email: grants@rswt.org or visit their website: www.biffaward.org



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BIG - Changing Spaces

Changing Spaces is an environmental programme focusing on three priority areas – community spaces, local community enterprise and access to the natural environment. It will invest around £200 million in environmental projects across England. The programme is being delivered in partnership with other organisations who are either delivering a large strategic portfolio or an England wide, open grants programme on their behalf.

Community groups across England are all set to spring clean their neighbourhoods with the launch of a £50 million lottery-funded grants programme.

The Community Spaces programme will provide grants and support to community groups wanting to make their neighbourhoods cleaner and greener. Community Spaces will help local people improve and create play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas, ponds, courts and village greens.

Local Food programme (run by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts)

This programme opened to applications on 17 March 2008. It funds a range of organisations who want to deliver a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to local communities.

For more information visit www.localfoodgrants.org

Community Spaces programme (run by Groundwork UK)

This programme opened to applications on 19 March 2008. It funds community groups who want

to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens.

For more information visit www.community-spaces.org.uk

Community Sustainable Energy programme (run by Building Research Establishment)

This programme opened to applications on 7 April 2008. It will pay for community-based organisations to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation).

For more information visit www.communitysustainable.org.uk

Access to Nature programme (run by Natural England)

This programme is due to launch in spring 2008. It will fund a range of organisations who want to encourage people from all backgrounds to learn more about and enjoy the natural environment.

For more information visit www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature

Ecominds programme (run by Mind)

This programme is due to launch in spring or summer 2008. It will fund a range of groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling.

For more information visit www.ecominds.org.uk

For information on any of the above, Changing Spaces Advice Line, 0845 3 671 671 or visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Allen Lane Foundation

Funds a variety of community or socially-focused projects which benefit people in specific target groups including older people, BME communities etc. They are particularly interested in new or imaginative approaches. Funds range between £500 to £15,000 and there are no deadline dates.

Visit their website for more information. www.allenlane.org.uk

The Ashden Trust

The Ashden Trust are a grant-making charity focusing on climate change, sustainable development and improving the quality of life in poorer communities. In order to make lasting changes in the UK and internationally they make small grants (typically between £1,000 - £20,000) to organisations with a track record of delivering innovative and effective projects.

They believe that the trust and its beneficiaries have contributed to;

- the recognition of the environmental costs of aviation
- to the understanding and uptake of organics,
- to the broad acceptance of the benefits of sustainable regeneration and have enabled great numbers of individuals
- to participate effectively in developing their communities and environments.

For more information visit their website: <http://digbig.com/4wbrn>

Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation

The Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of community life of Bedfordshire

people, and in particular those in special need by reason of disability, age, financial or other disadvantages. Grants of up to £500 are available and can be for start up and running costs or for specific projects.

Applications by a simple form. The panel meets quarterly in March, June, September and December. Contact: Mark West, Chief Executive, The Barn, Buttercup Farm, Hockliffe Road, Tebworth, Nr Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9QA, Tel: 01525 878142 Email: mark.west@blcf.org.uk

B&Q One Planet Living



B&Q is working in partnership with environmental impact experts BioRegional, who have developed this global initiative based on ten guiding principles with WWF to become a One Planet business, and B&Q is aiming to help its customers do the same in their homes and communities.

Through the OPL Grant scheme, schools, community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project. Projects must support at least one of the following themes:

- Environment/Energy Saving
- Natural Habitats/Wildlife
- Local Culture/Heritage

The scheme provides £50 to £500 (at retail cost) of B&Q materials, for example, pond liners, plants, peat-free compost for projects such as a pond/wildlife garden or paints labelled low or minimal VOC for redecoration projects.

For more information <http://digbig.com/4wcbj>



“SPEAK TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR FUNDING BID OR SPEAK TO OUR FUNDING ADVISER FOR TIPS ON WRITING SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS.”



“DO NOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT THE FUNDER KNOWS YOUR ORGANISATION SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE APPLIED BEFORE. STAFF MOVE ON AND THE NEW ADMINISTRATOR WILL REQUIRE ALL THE RELEVANT INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THE APPLICATION FORM.”

The Ethnic Minorities Award Scheme For Environmental Projects

Small grants of up to £500 are given to innovative projects which concern the environment and involve people from ethnic communities. Projects which spur vital development locally are given a priority.

For more information Tel: 01286 870 715,
Email: ukoffice@ben-network.org.uk,
website: <http://digbig.com/4wcbk>

The Conservation Foundation And O2

Awards of up to £1,000 are available to local groups and individuals for the hire of tools or equipment, and to purchase plants, paint, signs, materials etc. All types of environmental projects are considered such as: turning derelict land into an amenity park or wildlife area, tree planting, creating a wildlife pond, renovating neglected river and canal footpaths, providing water butts and recycling facilities in village halls. Everyone receiving an *“It’s Your Community”* award will be invited to send ‘before and after’ pictures to The Conservation Foundation to show how their award has made a difference and qualify for a further *“Well Done Award”* to ensure the project’s sustainability.

Application forms are available in all O2’s 350 shops or by emailing The Conservation Foundation to request an application form. Contact, Libby Symon, 0207 591 3111, email: libbysymon@conservationfoundation.co.uk website: <http://digbig.com/4wcbn>

Community Dividend Fund

Funds for small community groups and environmental projects, which

benefit a local community in which one Co-operative Group business trades in. Includes local environmental improvements, raising awareness, gardening, allotments etc.

There are no deadlines and the grant range is between £100 to £5000.

Visit their website, for clear guidance, <http://digbig.com/4wsxc>

Esmeé Fairbairn Foundation

The Environment Programme wishes to promote environmental improvements which balance the needs of people and wildlife. Integral to this is:

- countryside which is rich in diverse habitats and species
- a reduction in carbon emissions,
- together with well-planned, sustainable urban and rural developments,
- offering a good quality of life to all a UK food industry supplying a wide range of high quality, sustainably produced goods, which are predominantly made locally.

Within the broad objectives stated above, the programme supports three interrelated themes: UK Biodiversity, a Low Carbon Economy and Sustainable Food Systems.

For more information visit their website: <http://digbig.com/4wcbq>

The Environment Trust

The Trust is interested in applications which endeavour to enhance understanding of nature and wildlife and which inspire and attract the public interest, thereby

investing in the future of the environment.

Charitable appeals should be able to demonstrate the following: practical and sustainable benefits of a significant scale; effective operation with, or alongside, local communities and cultures and recruitment, training and employment of a broad base of volunteers.

Call to request an application pack.
Contact: Mrs Sam Tuson Taylor, 020 7232 5477 Email: stusontaylor@opus-trust.com

Ford Britain Trust

One off grants ranging from £100 - £5,000 mainly concerned with the advancement of education and other charitable purposes. Special attention is given to projects concerned with the environment, particularly those sighted near a Ford plant.

The Trustees meet in June and November each year. Applications are considered in order of receipt, so it may take several months, for an application to be considered.

Ford Britain Trust, Ford Motor Company Ltd, Room 1, 619, Eagle Way, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3BW Tel: 01277 252551, website: <http://digbig.com/4wcbt>

Garfield Weston Foundation

Community, youth and environment are included within the interests of this grant-giving charity. It only funds registered charities or those with recognised exemption. Grants are available to charitable organisations carrying out environmental or community projects, they also have a smaller grants programme for community based projects.

For more information Telephone, 0207 5896363, Weston Centre, Bowater House, 68 Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 7LQ, website, <http://digbig.com/4wcbs>

J. Paul Getty Jr. Charitable Trust

Two of their beneficial areas are Conservation and the Environment.

Grants are usually in the £5 to £15,000 range, for both capital and revenue. Those for salaries or running costs can be repeated on an annual basis for a maximum of 3 years. Applications are processed all the time, and it usually takes three months to award a grant. Some small grants of up to £2,000 are also made in between the quarterly trustee meetings.

For more information visit their website <http://digbig.com/4wcbt>

HBOS Foundation

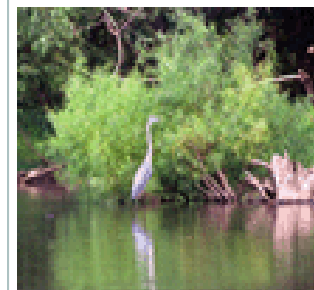
The Community Action Programme provides local grants to support a diverse range of projects. Key programme themes include developing and improving local communities. The grant scheme operates through a regional coordinators structure (see website for map and application details).

They only support registered charities and you can apply for up to £10,000 at anytime .

Visit their website for more information <http://digbig.com/4wsxd>

The Naturesave Trust

The Naturesave Trust seek to financially assist projects that deal with the root of a specific environmental and/or



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conservation problem and those that encourage the greater commercial adoption of sustainable development. The Naturesave Trust is keen to support those projects with a long term benefit which deal proactively with the root of a particular problem as opposed to merely reacting to the effects. The projects considered must be from environmental and conservationist groups and organisations who seek funding for specific projects and not the general administrative costs of their respective organisations.

The Naturesave Trust, 58 Fore Street, Totnes, Devon, TQ5 9RU, Tel: 01803 864390, Email: mail@naturesave.co.uk website : www.naturesave.co.uk

Peter De Haan Charitable Trust

They are interested in applications which endeavour to enhance understanding of nature and wildlife and which inspire and attract the public interest, thereby investing in the future of the environment.

For more information visit their website www.pdhct.org.uk/the_environment.html

Transco Grassroots Environmental Action

This scheme offers money for planned conservation and environmental projects and is open

to secondary and middle schools, conservation charities and community groups. The work to be undertaken should protect, enhance or restore a natural feature or habitat or create a new environmental amenity.

Caroline Davidson, Tel: 01392 849273

Will Charitable Trust

Funding between £3,000 - £25,000 is available to registered charities for the conservation of the countryside. They favour habitat creation such as native woodland, heathland, meadows, or projects to improve biodiversity. Funding available for both service and material costs. Awarded once per year, applications should be received before August.

For an initial discussion contact Christine Dix on 01932 724148, or Email:: willcharitabletrust@yahoo.co.uk

World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF UK)

The Community Education section runs Environment in the Community Award, which makes awards to local groups working to benefit the environment and the community. Register in February for awards in the autumn.

Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1XR. Tel: 01483 426444 Fax: 01483 426409

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How can our Funding Advice Service help?

We can help you discover which grant making trusts, foundations or funders are the most appropriate for your organisation to approach for funding, help you to fill out the application form or provide help and support with any funding related issues.

Please give us a call on 01525 850559 to arrange a meeting so we can guide you through the maze of funding opportunities available.