

Landfill Communities Fund (LCF)

This tax credit scheme, introduced in 1996, enables operators of landfill sites to contribute money to organisations to carry out projects that meet environmental objects contained in the Landfill Tax Regulations. Your project is likely to have to be within 10 miles of any landfill site, or closer, - ensuring the money is spent locally to their landfill operation. **Contact:** email: information@entrust.org.uk or download material and search the online funders directory at www.entrust.org.uk.

WREN Grant Scheme

WREN can offer funding of between **£2,000 and £50,000** for the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other public amenity in the vicinity of a landfill site and the delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species or habitats. All projects must be located within WREN operating areas and be available to the general public. For information on operating areas and download an application form see www.wren.org.uk

Co-operative Community Fund

Purpose: To enable voluntary, community and co-operative groups to undertake a range of schemes that benefit the community including environment schemes.
Grant size: £100 - £5,000
Contact: tel: **0161 827 5879**; download application form from www.co-operative.co.uk; or email: community.fund@co-op.co.uk.

B&Q Better Neighbour Grant

Schools, community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project. 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 to get a sustainable community project up and running.
Contact: Applicants to apply to the store Manager at your local B& Q store. Further details: www.diy.com.

Community Spaces Fund- Opening Spring 2008

A £50 million open grant programme run by Groundwork UK aims to help community groups improve green and open spaces and the quality of life in their neighbourhood. Projects could include community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens. Grants of **£10,000 - £50,000** per project will be available from Spring 2008.
www.Community-spaces.org.uk

Local Food Fund – opening February 2008

A £50 million open grant programme run by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts will award grants of **£2,000 - £500,000** to a variety of food related projects to help make locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities. Projects could include growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities. Further details www.rswt.org/localfood.

Lottery Funding

From the National Lottery Funding website you can search for all funding programmes available from all the national Lottery distributing bodies. www.lotteryfunding.org.uk

BIG Lottery Fund

The New Opportunities Fund and Community Fund merged in 2004 to become the Big Lottery Fund.
Contact: Big Lottery Fund, 1 Plough Place, London EC4A 1DE; tel: **020 7211 1800**.
For funding information or general enquiries about Big Lottery Fund grant programmes call the BIG advice line on **0845 4 10 20 30**; search www.biglotteryfund.org.uk.
or email: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund

Purpose: To support a wide range of projects involving the local, regional and national heritage of the UK.
Range: Various depending on project
Contact: 7 Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NR
Tel: **020 7591 6000**; email: enquire@hlf.org.uk.

Awards for All

Grants of between **£300 and £10,000** are awarded for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community.
Contact Awards for All: Tel: **0845 600 20 40**
Email: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk for general enquiries or an application form. Or download forms and guidance notes from www.awardsforall.org.uk

Parks for People

This three-year joint initiative between Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) provides grants of **£250,000 to £5 million** to help with the restoration and regeneration of public parks and gardens, including squares, walks and promenades in England.
Further details: www.hlf.org.uk

Community Assets

Aims to empower communities with grants of **£150,000 - £1 million** per project for the refurbishment of local authority buildings to enable their transfer to the third sector. Further details: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Useful websites

GrantsNet www.grantsnet.co.uk gives information about grant schemes available to businesses and charities in the UK.

FunderFinder is a small UK charity producing software and other resources providing information and advice about **charitable trusts and foundations** that fund in the UK. Public libraries, local authorities and councils for voluntary organisations often have the Funderfinder software for you to search for sources of funding.