

# Fund-raising for environmental projects

## *An Every Action Counts guide*

### 1. Introduction

This short guide aims to help organisations working with Every Action Counts to raise money for environmental projects.

If you work in a Voluntary and Community Sector body you may not have applied for funding for environmental work before. There are some extra points to consider when fund-raising for this kind of work, but many of the guiding principles are of course the same.

Environmental action currently has a high profile and funders may well be keener to fund work now than in previous years. But it is also the case that there are many more organisations looking for funds: this is a very competitive area, not least because many smaller environmental organisations do not get 'core funding' and rely on 'project funding' (see the box below) to keep themselves going.

Environmental action also covers just as huge a range of activities as action on social development. Just as an agency that funds work with older people won't necessarily also fund a healthy eating project or a sports programme, so bodies that fund work to improve local green spaces may well not fund work to draught-proof an office. Any proposal is much more likely to be successful if it is clearly focused on one major work area. Every Action Counts has five of these:

- Cutting waste
- Energy and Climate Change
- Transport
- Ethical shopping (and buying goods and services for your organisation)
- Caring for where you live (and local environmental improvements)

It usually makes good sense to focus your fund-raising around one (or at most two) of these topics, with one big exception. If what you are doing is very locally-focused, such as producing a local guide to environmental issues for a neighbourhood or an estate, then all these issues may overlap and the focus should be on the place rather than the issue.

#### **Core Funding and Project Funding**

If you're fairly new to fund-raising, then this distinction may not be clear. Core funding is money that pays your office and salary

costs and helps you deliver the services that are at the core of your organisation's mission. Core funding for smaller organisations is always hard to find!

For that reason many groups look for project funding. This is money to deliver a specific piece of work with a beginning and an end. It may well cover staff costs for that work and it makes sense to try and ensure that all the associated costs (such as the time of the person managing the project worker, volunteers' expenses, a suitable part of all the rent and office costs etc.) are included in the project budget.

If your work is primarily socially-focused, then it is likely that you will be seeking project funding for your environmental action. If you can build up a track record in this field then you may be able to find core funding for an environmental worker, but this will not be easy at first.

## 2. Developing a successful funding bid

If you are going to raise money successfully through a funding bid, then you have to show and even convince the people in the organisation with the money that:

- a) you have a good idea;
- b) your good idea is actually a well-designed project with clear outputs and outcomes (see box below), that is interesting to them and that it meets their funding criteria;
- c) you have the skills and track record to deliver your good idea;
- d) the money that you are asking for is a fair sum for the work to be done.

Before you prepare a funding bid it is important to ask two questions:

1. Is a funding bid the best way to raise the money? There are many other ways, such as sponsored walks, charity auctions, fundraising events etc. A short list is attached as an Appendix. If you've got keen volunteers happy to put time into a project and only need to raise a few hundred pounds then this kind of local action may be easier.

2. At what level should we apply? While there are some national funders who will support very local work, most are looking for larger projects. If the work you want to do is very locally-focused you may well be better off going to a local funder. See the 'local proposals' section for more information on this.

### **What's an 'environmental project'?**

Many funders don't fund 'environmental' work. But they do fund work with young people or disadvantaged communities etc. So think about what you are planning to do not just in terms of its environmental aspects but also in terms of who you are working with and who will benefit. You may want to present your project as 'something that will benefit your community' rather than as 'something that will benefit the environment'!

### ***The good idea***

Whatever you do, you need a 'good idea' that is interesting and positive. Your good idea may come from all sorts of places. It may be one person's bright idea (but check that other people agree!), or it may come out of discussions about how to improve the local environment, or result from hearing that money is available for certain specific types of project and realising that this would benefit your neighbourhood.

Don't rush in. Talk any new idea through with your organisation. If it's an environmental project and you've not done anything like this before then get some advice from people who have. If you don't know any local environmental organisations check with your local council or library that may have relevant addresses (there may be an

environmental network that links local groups) or contact EAC who can put you in touch with networks such as BTCV.

If you have an idea about what you want to do, then turn it into a clear fundable proposal. This means it needs to have a clear start and finish and it must be clear to potential funders what you will do and what you will deliver (the outputs and outcomes). If an environmental project is linked to your work but is not at the core of what you do, then you will need to show how it fits in with your main activities.

#### **Outputs and Outcomes**

It is important to be clear on both the outputs and the outcomes. Potential funders will want to be clear on both.

- **Outputs** are the work a group does and the materials or services produced by a project. Outputs might include the number of leaflets produced, the trees planted, or the people who sign up for a programme. Outputs can usually be measured directly.
- **Outcomes** are things that happen as a result of what you do. If you run an environmental awareness campaign in a neighbourhood you might produce 2000 leaflets (the outputs), but the results (the outcomes) might include fewer people fly-tipping or more people recycling. These are usually harder to measure directly.

#### ***Developing your proposal***

No matter what you are planning a fund-raising proposal needs some common elements. These are:

- **A clear introduction and summary.** This should make it very clear what you want to do with the money you are asking for. It should be coherent and enthusiastic but also realistic.
- **Good background information.** This should show why the project is needed (and the problems it will help solve), backed up by facts and figures, and perhaps examples of where similar projects have been successful.
- **Information about your organisation.** This should show that you are a credible and well-organised group, so give a brief history along with examples of projects you have delivered. You will probably need audited accounts to show that you will use the money well. Most funders will expect you to have a bank account and a constitution.
- **A plan of action.** This should show exactly what you will do with the money, with clear outputs (with figures for e.g. the number of leaflets you will print or events you will hold) and outcomes. A timetable will also be important.
- **A budget.** This should relate closely to the plan of action and show costings for all the planned activities and the supporting work.
- **Other support you may have.** It's always good to show potential funders that you have other support. Some funds expect 'match-funding' - they will only give you perhaps 50% of what you need and expect you to find the rest elsewhere. You may be able to

include 'in-kind' funding - this is support that is given in non-money form. It can include people giving you tools or materials, or offering free meeting space, and often you can count volunteer time. If you set a financial value on all these you may find you have generated a lot of support already!

- **Back-up materials.** It is often sensible to include an annual report for your organisation and any other relevant leaflets etc. to show what you do and strengthen your case.

### ***Finding the right funder***

While there are thousands of funding bodies across Britain, only a few hundred will fund environmental projects (and many of these are local). Many that are traditional funders of social development work have clear boundaries on what they fund and environmental work is outside those boundaries.

So do your research. We've done some of it for you in this guide - the list of potential funders includes the main likely funders for local projects. But don't stop there:

- Check the websites of the bodies that look possible. Be absolutely clear on what they are looking for and also on application dates etc.
- If you can, talk with other organisations who've been funded to do similar work. Local networks may be able to advise you on who to approach. Ask them about how they got funding and who from.

Choose three or four potential funders to focus on at first. Don't be afraid to send applications to different people at the same time. But don't send the same application: every funder has different criteria and you should 'fine tune' what you say in your application to meet those criteria as far as you can. If you do get funding from two sources then you may be able to go back to them and talk about expanding the work.

### ***Beat the jargon!***

Unsure about all the terms used in funding guides and proposals? Many funders provide clear guidance on what is meant but you can also check the jargon buster produced by an informal partnership of funders, regulatory bodies and voluntary organisations, available on the Charities Aid Foundation website: [www.cafeonline.org/jargonbuster](http://www.cafeonline.org/jargonbuster). The Funderfinder website also has a useful explanation of jargon, website: [www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk)

### ***Local proposals***

If your local project is simply about local improvements, then it may well be that local funders are most likely to support what you want to do. There are many local funds, not always easy to fund, and put together these are the largest source of funds for local environmental action. These include:

- **Local councils and neighbourhood management:** These may include 'Community Chest' funds, local grant schemes, local regeneration money etc.
- **Corporate grants:** Local stores and branches of major retailers and banks etc. often have funds to support local action. They may also offer support 'in-kind'.
- **Regional funding opportunities:** These are publicised via Government Office for the particular region.
- **Charitable Trusts:** There are a lot of small trusts that have a very local focus. Check with your local funding advice people (see below)
- **Landfill Tax:** There may be local agencies that are distributing funds raised through this tax.

Get help from your 'local infrastructure organisation' (LIO), which will usually be your Council for Voluntary Service or similar body. They may have a person who specifically works on local funding. They will know what's available locally and may hold funding advice sessions, 'Meet the Funder' events and often run practical courses on writing successful funding bids etc. Get on their mailing lists for regular updates. For details about your nearest CVS check [www.navca.org.uk](http://www.navca.org.uk).

### ***And finally...***

- This is only a summary of the key points. There are many guides to effective fund-raising available on the internet and from bookshops (see section 3 below).
- Always remember: a good proposal doesn't mean that a poor project will get funded. But a poor proposal will be a waste of your time and may well mean that a brilliant idea never gets to happen. So put the time in to ensure that it is as good as it can be.
- Don't get disheartened if your application is rejected. Some charitable trusts note that only 1 in 10 proposals are successful due to limited funds. Other funders (corporate, Lottery etc) also report that many good applications have to be turned down because of the high level of demand for available funding.

### 3. Information and advice on funding sources

There are a range of guides and websites that can give you more detailed information, and are important to look at if you are planning a big application. Local libraries, LIOs and resource centres may have some of these. Check this out, because some of the websites, notably those that are regularly updated, require a paid subscription.

**The Directory of Social Change** ([www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)) produces a range of directories and fundraising guides. These include:

- Directory of Grant Making Trusts
- A Guide to the Major Trusts Vol. 1 & 2.
- The Guide to Company Giving

**The NCVO Sustainable Funding Project** has a toolkit encouraging voluntary and community sector groups to explore and exploit a full range of funding options. Website includes information on all the main funding streams and signposts users to agencies with specialist knowledge. It contains useful advice on putting together fundraising applications (10 key points). [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp/funding](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp/funding)

#### **Funders' websites**

Many include free information sheets and funding guidance.

#### **[www.lotteryfunding.org.uk](http://www.lotteryfunding.org.uk)**

This is a site set up by the Big Lottery Fund. It includes sections on developing a business plan, working in partnership, starting a new group, top tips and common mistakes when applying for a grant etc.

#### **[www.trustfunding.org.uk](http://www.trustfunding.org.uk)**

a subscription website giving information about trust and foundation funding.

#### **[www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk)**

FunderFinder specialises in information and advice on charitable trusts and foundations. Much of the up-to-date information is provided on software sold to agencies etc but the website provides some free guidance and signposting services. It also has a very useful 'Jargon explained' section.

#### **[www.fundinginformation.org](http://www.fundinginformation.org)**

Profunding is subscription-based service, [fundinginformation.org](http://fundinginformation.org) provides up-to-date details of application procedures, deadlines and eligibility criteria for all the major funding bodies and Trusts. Website allows a trial period.

#### **[www.access-funds.co.uk](http://www.access-funds.co.uk)**

Grants information for UK voluntary and non-profit organisations. Subscription service providing the latest funding information from Central Government, National Lottery, devolved governing bodies, EU and quangos. Site also has directories of funding programmes and guides.

**www.Grantsonline.org.uk**

UK's leading information provider on grants from the EU, UK Government, the Lottery and grantmaking bodies. Subscription service.

**www.Governmentfunding.org.uk:**

Online portal to grants for the voluntary and community sector from Government departments. Registration is free. Services include: email alerts on new and updated grant schemes, online application to grant schemes, Bulletin Board etc.

**www.fundraising.co.uk**

A comprehensive website for professional fundraisers - updated daily with news, events, new opportunities and deadlines.

**www.fit4funding.org.uk**

A site run by the Charities Information Bureau.

**www.volunteering.org.uk/applyforfunding/otherfundingsources.htm**

A site from Volunteering UK with a special focus on volunteering.

**www.grantsnet.co.uk**

GRANTnet is an online database that helps organisations identify funding sources for specific projects. Projects have to register to gain a password.

**www.acf.org.uk**

The Association of Charitable Foundations website includes downloadable leaflets, links to trusts and foundations websites and other resources for grant-seekers.

**Events**

In addition to local and regional events run by a variety of organisations, agencies and social enterprises, there are also national events. For example, the Directory of Social Change organise the Annual Charity Fair with a host of funders exhibiting and inexpensive training and workshop sessions. This year's event is Wednesday 6 June & Thursday 7 June 2007, Central Hall, Westminster, London. Entry is free. Workshop sessions start from £25. Website: [www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)

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#### 4. Funding sources for environmental action

This list summarises a variety of different funding bodies that give grants to local environmental projects or community groups working with a particular audience which includes an environmental angle. Information on grants and awards can date quickly so make sure you check the latest information available on a funders' website. There may be a regional office handling applications - details will appear in the application form. Some schemes indicate that they want prospective applicants to talk to them first.

Funds are always over-subscribed so it is vital that applicants meet the correct criteria and submit all the required information and paperwork. Always check and re-check application guidelines on the funders' website or in their hard copy forms before submission. Incomplete or off-spec applications will be quickly rejected and you may have to wait 12 months before re-applying.

Different funders have different criteria as to who can apply for grants or awards. The information below is suitable for registered charities and not-for-profit groups with charitable purposes. Any variations are noted within the description.

**Equalities and accessibility** As a matter of good practice many funders can supply application details in a variety of formats including large print, audio, Braille, other languages etc.

<i>Funder &amp; name of fund</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amounts of funding available</i>	<i>Deadlines</i>
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<p><b>ABBEY CHARITABLE TRUST</b>  <a href="http://www.aboutabbey.com">www.aboutabbey.com</a></p> <p>Trust helpline:  0870  608 0104 (10am-2pm)  Mon-Friday.</p>	<p>Linked to the Abbey (building society/bank) this fund supports local communities, particularly those where Abbey has a significant presence, by supporting disadvantaged people through a number of priorities including local regeneration projects which encourage cross community partnerships.</p> <p>The aim is to encourage community networks, partnerships and shared resources. Priority is given to areas where Abbey has a Community Partnership Group (in England this is Camden, Bradford, Milton Keynes, Sheffield, Teesside). Donations outside of these areas limited to £2,500 maximum. Only supports groups with a charitable status. No application form.</p>	<p>£250-£20,000  (most £1,000-£4,000)</p>	<p>Any time</p>
<p><b>AGE CONCERN</b>  <a href="http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grant_giving.asp">www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grant_giving.asp</a></p>	<p>Several grant or award schemes for activities and services that benefit older people. Can include information events, food awareness talks, volunteering/befriending and other health, social and environmental related initiatives.</p>	<p>Varies from up to £150 to £20,000 (depending on programme)</p> <p>Applicants asked to check onsite grants manual before applying.</p>	<p>Small grants any time</p>

<p><b>ALLEN LANE FOUNDATION</b>  <a href="http://www.allenlane.org.uk/">www.allenlane.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Funds a variety of community or socially-focused projects which benefit people in specific target groups inc. older people, BME communities etc. Particularly interested in new or imaginative approaches etc. Does not fund projects where beneficiaries all live in London.</p>	<p>£500 - £15,000</p>	<p>Anytime</p>
<p><b>Biffaward</b>  <a href="http://www.biffaward.org">www.biffaward.org</a></p>	<p>Funding available through the Landfill Communities Fund Scheme. (Restrictions apply re. eligibility for ENTRUST registration)</p> <p>Funding is directed to projects which provide and improve public amenities for communities within a certain proximity to a Biffa operation e.g. 10 miles from a landfill site. The website has a postcode facility to check eligibility &amp; full info for all grants.</p> <p>Small Grants: Projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife and habitats.</p> <p>Main Grants: Projects that improve community facilities for recreational use, lifelong learning, or community involvement. Includes a biodiversity fund.</p> <p>Flagship: For larger regeneration or biodiversity projects that make a significant impact on quality of life in the region. (Conditions include securing other funding)</p>	<p>£250-£5,000</p> <p>£5,000-£50,000</p> <p>£150,000-£500,000</p>	<p>Any time</p>

<p><b>BIG BOOST: Scarman Trust:</b>  <a href="http://www.thebigboost.org">www.thebigboost.org</a>  .uk</p> <p>(funded by Big Lottery Fund, in partnership with The Princes's Trust, UnLtd and Changemakers)</p>	<p>Awards for young people to set up and run community projects aimed at making a lasting difference in their local area. Helps individuals and small groups of people (maximum 4 people) aged 11-25 years. The award is cash plus ongoing support.</p>	<p>£500-£5,000  (average £2,500)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>BIG LOTTERY FUND:</b>  <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>AWARDS FOR ALL</b>  <a href="http://www.awardsforall.org.uk">www.awardsforall.org.uk</a></p>	<p>BIG gives out half of the good causes money from the National Lottery. There are a variety of programmes, all listed on the website, along with clear guidance on eligibility and completing applications. The ones most appropriate to EAC are listed below.</p> <p>Grants to not-for-profit groups (+ parish and town councils) for people to take part in heritage and community activities, and projects promoting education, the environment and health in the local community. Projects may include: creating a wildlife garden; publicising a community recycling scheme; events; heritage trails and walks; improving a village hall to provide better facilities for members etc.</p> <p>Quick and simple application process. Outcome known within 8 weeks.</p>	<p>£300-£10,000</p>	<p>Anytime</p>

<p><b>BIG LOTTERY FUND: CHANGING SPACES</b>  <a href="http://biglotteryfund.org.uk">http://biglotteryfund.org.uk</a></p> <p>www.  <a href="http://biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_changing_spaces">biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_changing_spaces</a></p> <p>BIG Advice Line:  0845 410 20 30</p>	<p>3 new priority areas are due to open under the Changing Spaces Programme Spring/Summer 2007. These will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Spaces</li> <li>• Local Community Enterprise</li> <li>• Access to the Natural Environment</li> </ul> <p>Projects might include: physical improvements to local green space, community gardens, allotments, footpaths &amp; nature reserves; local food growing and retailing, including box schemes, farmers markets &amp; composting; access to countryside through better information &amp; signposting; educational projects that raise awareness.</p> <p>Watch website for details. Details will be publicised widely</p>		
<p><b>PEOPLE'S MILLIONS</b>  <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions</a></p>	<p>Another round of this partnership between Big Lottery Fund &amp; ITV in which viewers vote for the projects they would like to receive funding.</p> <p>Previously supported projects that help communities transform their local environments by improving green spaces, buildings &amp; amenities. This year scope is widened to also include projects that help people use and enjoy their local environments.</p> <p>Open to voluntary &amp; community groups, local authorities, schools and health organisations. TV voting end of November 2007</p>	<p>£80,000 max + VAT.</p>	<p>This round closes 17 May 2007</p>

<p><b>HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND</b>  <a href="http://www.hlf.org.uk">www.hlf.org.uk</a></p>	<p>The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage. From museums and historic buildings to parks and nature reserves to celebrating traditions, customs and history.</p>		
<p><b>YOUR HERITAGE</b></p>	<p>There are a variety of grant giving programmes including:</p>	<p>£5,000 minimum, £50,000 max.</p>	
<p><b>YOUNG ROOTS</b></p>	<p>Grants to support community-focused heritage projects.          (If you need a smaller grant Awards for All may be able to help)</p> <p>Scheme to involve 13-20 year olds (up to 25 year olds for those with special needs) in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.</p>	<p>£5,000 minimum, £50,000 max.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p><b>B&amp;Q BETTER NEIGHBOUR GRANT SCHEME</b>  <a href="http://www.diy.com">www.diy.com</a></p>	<p>Helps community groups get projects up and running by providing B&amp;Q materials e.g. pond liners, plants, peat-free compost or low/minimal VOC paint for redecoration. Does not cover ongoing maintenance.</p>	<p>Equipment awards worth £50-£500. Projects must be within 20 mile radius of store.</p>	<p>Contact local store - annual budget made available in Feb.</p>
<p><b>BTCV: CHESTNUT FUND</b>  <a href="http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/community_network">www2.btcv.org.uk/display/community_network</a></p> <p>Forms from local BTCV office or Community Unit on 01302 388 842</p>	<p>Independent charity making grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. NB: Groups must be part of the BTCV Community Network to qualify.</p> <p><b>Start up grants:</b> For groups that have no money when they start. Available to groups in first year of existence to enable them to begin practical work. Can cover postage, publicity, hire of meeting rooms, BTCV Community Network membership (£35) etc.</p> <p><b>Support grants:</b> For groups who have no money for tools, equipment or training. New groups can also apply for a start up grant.</p>	<p>Start-up max. £100</p> <p>Max. £300</p>	<p>Ongoing/ Anytime</p>
<p><b>CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION</b>  <a href="http://www.gulbenkian.org.uk">www.gulbenkian.org.uk</a></p>	<p>The Foundation has an active interest in the environment and funds a range of innovative work aimed at increasing personal responsibility for, and for trialling, accessible, realistic solutions to local, national or international issues (Social Change programme). They are especially interested in working with excluded groups.</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Contact funder</p>
<p><b>CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION</b>  <a href="http://www.cafeonline.org">www.cafeonline.org</a></p>	<p>Currently reviewing grants programme (May 2007 onwards). Details will be posted on website later in year.</p>		<p>Check website later in 2007.</p>

<p><b>THE CITY BRIDGE TRUST</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk">www.citybridgetrust.org.uk</a></p>	<p>A major fund only for activities in London.</p> <p>Key priorities of the London's Environment fund are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental education</li> <li>• Enhancing London's biodiversity</li> <li>• Reducing London's environmental footprint</li> </ul>	<p>No minimum amount but requests over £25,000 need detailed proposal.</p>	<p>Anytime</p>
<p><b>COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk">www.coalfields-regen.org.uk</a></p>	<p>The work focuses on the regeneration of coalfield communities. A small grants scheme, Bridging the Gap, is available to voluntary and community groups for projects that include small-scale environmental improvements, local heritage and leisure.</p>	<p>£500 + larger grant schemes</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS FUND (CCF) - Department for Education and Skills (DfES)</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions/">www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions/</a></p>	<p>Set up by DfES to help provide support for people with small-scale ideas for projects to help improve their communities. Keen to support people who have missed chances offered through 'mainstream' funding to inspire others to get more involved in renewing their neighbourhoods. Emphasis on skills development. CCF targets deprived neighbourhoods and excluded communities of interest. (Communities are defined by the common needs and circumstances of people within them, not just their common location.</p>	<p>£2,000 max.  (Average grant £1,200)</p>	<p>Open until March 2008.</p>

<p><b>CSV ACTION EARTH</b>  <a href="http://www.actionearth.org">www.actionearth.org</a>          .uk</p>	<p>Provides small grants to local voluntary and community groups for local environmental projects that involve volunteers or promote promote volunteering. Projects can include: tree planting, wildlife-friendly activities e.g. bird/bat boxes, litter-picks &amp; clean-ups; bulb, flower, seed &amp; shrub planting etc.</p>	<p>£50 max.           Up to 6 different projects are eligible.</p>	<p>Annual allocation e.g. 2007 grants for January-June on first come, first served basis.</p>
<p><b>COMIC RELIEF</b>  <a href="http://www.comicrelief.com">www.comicrelief.com</a></p>	<p>Red Nose Day Programme: Grants to organisations working on a project that fits within one of the 6 programme areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people</li> <li>• Older People</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Refugees &amp; Asylum Seekers</li> <li>• Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Disadvantaged Communities</li> </ul>	<p>Small grants up to £5,000 &amp; some larger grants.</p>	<p>No deadline for under £5,000.           Check with funder for larger grants.</p>
<p><b>THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMUNITY DIVIDEND FUND</b>  <a href="http://www.co-operative.co.uk/en/communityfund">www.co-operative.co.uk/en/communityfund</a></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Clear guidance on eligibility is provided on website. New groups can only apply for up to £500 (eligible for higher amount if have a have a 3 month record of income &amp; spending)</p>	<p>£100 - £5,000           (most awards between £100-£500)</p>	<p>Ongoing / Anytime</p>

<b>DEFRA RURAL SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMME</b>	<p>The programme aims to develop the capacity of the rural voluntary and community and parish councils sector to help shape the communities they serve. Runs until March 2008. £9 million is available each year to support local activities across England, which can include parish plans. Rural Community Councils can be contacted for information.</p>		<p>Closes March 2008</p>
<b>ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION: Environment Programme</b> <a href="http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/how_apply.html">www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/how_apply.html</a> &  <a href="http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/programmes/env.html">www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/programmes/env.html</a>	<p>Independent grant-making foundation currently supporting 3 funding priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Biodiversity</li> <li>• Low Carbon Economy</li> <li>• Sustainable Food Systems</li> </ul> <p>The website provides clear guidance on areas of particular funding interest and what they will not fund (e.g. local green space projects, individual recycling projects, energy efficiency schemes related to one area or building)</p>	<p>Couple of thousands to over £100,00</p>	<p>Ongoing/ Anytime</p>
<b>GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION</b> <a href="http://www.garfieldweston.org">www.garfieldweston.org</a>	<p>Community, youth and environment are included within the interests of this grant-giving charity. It only funds registered charities or those with recognised exemption. Has a smaller grants programme for community based projects. See website for details</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Anytime</p>

<p><b>J PAUL GETTY Jr CHARITABLE TRUST</b> <a href="http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/benefici.htm">www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/benefici.htm</a></p>	<p>Projects to alleviate poverty and misery in general, and unpopular causes. Emphasis on self-help and enabling people to reach their potential. Favours small community and local projects which make good use of volunteers.</p> <p>Within the 'Environment' theme, projects favoured usually include gardens, historic landscapes and wilderness.</p> <p>Favours projects in less prosperous parts of Britain, particularly outside London and the South-East.</p>	<p>Grants usually in the £5,000 - 15,000 range, for both capital and revenue.</p> <p>Some small grants of less than £2,000.</p>	<p>Anytime - quarterly trustees meetings.</p>
<p><b>HBOS FOUNDATION</b> <a href="http://www.hbosfoundation.org/community_action.htm">www.hbosfoundation.org/community_action.htm</a></p>	<p>The Community Action Programme provides local grants to support a diverse range of projects. Key programme themes include developing and improving local communities.</p> <p>The grant scheme operates through a regional coordinators structure (see website for map and application details).</p> <p>Only supports registered charities.</p>	<p>Up to £10,000</p>	<p>Anytime</p>

<p><b>LANKELLYCHASE FOUNDATION</b> www.landkellychase.org.uk</p>	<p>Arts and heritage funding available, also capital funding for historic buildings with significant community access (priority given to rural areas) and rural parish churches (Grade 1 listed). Particularly welcome applications from the black voluntary sector and minority ethnic groups working within the priority areas.</p> <p>Only funds registered charities or those with recognised exemptions. Prefer to concentrate on smaller charities with a local or regional remit. Do not support organisations based in London or Northern Ireland for some funding schemes.</p> <p>There is also an annual small grants scheme for summer play schemes, average £200-£500, closes May 11 for 2007 funding.</p>		
<p><b>LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATIONS</b> www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk</p>	<p>Focus on supporting smaller under-funded charities that help people who are disadvantaged (England and Wales) to play a fuller role in their local communities.</p> <p>Note that there is a strong social dimension; their exemptions include 'environment' per se.</p> <p>Request that all potential applicants read the revised (February 2007) guidelines and make contact to discuss proposals with regional co-ordinators (details on website) prior to submission.</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND (NRF)</b> <a href="http://www.neighbourhood.gov.uk">www.neighbourhood.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Targeted at helping local authorities &amp; their partners to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour, education, housing, liveability, health inequalities and worklessness in deprived areas. Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) are responsible for deciding how NRF money is spent. LIOs will know about the availability of these funds (see 'Local proposals')</p>	<p>Varies in different areas</p>	<p>Deadlines will be available locally via Neighbourhood Renewal team in local authority, LSP, and local CVS.</p>
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<p><b>O2 - IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY, in partnership with the Conservation Foundation.</b>  <a href="http://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/ActLocalAwards.php">www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/ActLocalAwards.php</a>   <a href="http://www.o2.com/cr/community_fund.asp">www.o2.com/cr/community_fund.asp</a></p>	<p>Aimed at local environmental projects. Awards available to local groups and individuals for the hire of tools or equipment, or to purchase plants, paint, signs, materials etc. Projects could include: turning derelict land into an amenity park or wildlife areas; tree planting; wildlife ponds; renovating neglected river and canal footpaths, providing water-butts and recycling facilities in village halls etc.</p>	<p>Up to £1,000</p>	<p>Ongoing/ Anytime</p>
<p><b>POLDEN - PUCKHAM CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</b>  <a href="http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk">www.polden-puckham.org.uk</a></p>	<p>This small Foundation includes ecological sustainability within its areas of interest and has supported many key environmental and social justice groups. But they note that they do not fund community or local projects except for innovative projects with widespread application.</p>	<p>Varies</p>	
<p><b>Powergen GREENPLAN FUND</b>  <a href="http://www.eon-uk.com/644.aspx">www.eon-uk.com/644.aspx</a></p>	<p>Community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to set up renewable energy projects.</p>	<p>£25,000 max.</p>	<p>Twice yearly decisions - contact for next round.</p>
<p><b>TREE COUNCIL COMMUNITY TREE FUND</b>  <a href="http://www.treecouncil.org.uk">www.treecouncil.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Grants for well-planned tree projects linked to National Tree Week 21 Nov - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2007. Activities must involve children. See website for other conditions of funding.   Also Trees for School fund - schools only can apply.</p>	<p>£100-700</p>	<p>31 May 2007</p>

<p><b>UnLTD MILLENNIUM AWARDS</b>  <a href="http://www.unltd.org.uk">www.unltd.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Awards primarily aimed at social entrepreneurs to help make new ideas become a real project. UnLTD only supports individuals (or informal groups of people) not organisations. If you win an award you get a complete package of support, in addition to funding. Conditions vary e.g. have to attend an information surgery etc. There are two levels of support:</p> <p>Level 1: Smaller awards to help turn an idea into a project. Money helps with running costs.</p> <p>Level 2: Larger awards to support people who have already developed an idea to allow them to devote more time to the project.</p> <p>Full details on website, application via regional offices.</p>	<p>Level 1: £500-£5,000 (average is £2,000)</p> <p>Level 2: £10,000-£20,000 (average £15,000)</p>	<p>Open all year</p> <p>Spring and Autumn rounds only. Another round will open Autumn 2007.</p>
<p><b>THE WATERWAYS TRUST</b>  <a href="http://www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk">www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Each year, the Trust offers a limited number of small grants for wildlife, environmental, access and educational projects connected to waterways.</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Details of next round available on website after June 2007</p>

## **Appendix: Raising Funds Locally**

There are many ways in which local organisations can raise funds. Here are a few ideas:

### **Organising a Raffle** (up to £2000)

If tickets are to be sold at more than one event the organisation should obtain a lotteries licence. Ask local businesses to donate prizes.

### **Car Boot Sales** (£10 to £200)

Staff and/or volunteers need to collect good quality second-hand material or used books and reserve a place at a local sale. Three or four people will need to run the stall.

### **Sponsored Rides or Walks** (£50 to £1000)

To make the ride or walk successful, the organisation should organise early, produce and circulate sponsorship forms well in advance and persuade members and supporters (and their friends) to participate. Choosing an interesting route encourages involvement.

### **Sponsored Projects** (£50 to £1000)

Staff and volunteers could work together on an environmental project in the local community perhaps path clearance or tree planting projects. These provide a worthwhile community service and excellent media coverage and raise money for your own project.

### **Social events** (£50 to £500)

These can take almost any form depending on who's involved in your organisation. Successful events need someone with skill and experience to organise them, but they can be valuable events in terms of building the organisation as well as raising money

### **Commercial Sponsorship**

The organisation should take advantage of the environment being a popular issue. In return for publicity and association with a good project, local businesses may be persuaded to give donations of money, materials or services. T-shirts or newsletter adverts could be a few areas where advertisements could be included.

### **FoneAid**

This is a simple fundraiser. Collect mobile phones of any age and condition and you receive £3.00 per phone. On top of this, FoneAid donate £100.00 of vouchers for every 100 phones collected. FoneAid guarantee that every phone is either reused in developing countries or recycled. FoneAid provide promotional material and courier the phones to their warehouse. Register your organisations' details on the website [www.foneaid.org.uk](http://www.foneaid.org.uk), or call 01625 667867.