# **Environmental & Sustainability Projects**

Environmental and sustainability projects take many forms. Some funders have particular interests and/or fund in very restricted areas. Others are much more generalist.

In this table the "Geography" section indicates the areas of England that a funder is interested in. "National" indicates that there are no stated restrictions within England. Any stated restrictions are described.

The "Project Types" classification describes the kinds of projects that the funder has said they are interested in or that they have funded previously. For simplicity we have divided these into:

- **Energy** projects that use greener mechanisms to generate electricity or heart (e.g., solar PV panels, biomass boilers, air source heat pumps).
- Efficiency projects that reduce energy consumption (e.g., LED lighting, insulation).
- Water projects that improve water quality or reduce water consumption (e.g., grey water systems) or improve quality of runoff water (e.g., sustainable drainage systems).
- Biodiversity projects that improve biodiversity.
- Engagement projects that focus on environmental awareness and education.
- Other other types of projects, usually detailed in the grant maker's entry
- **General** all or most types of environmental projects. Any known exclusions will be detailed in the grant maker's entry.

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**Geography:** Nationwide

**Project Types:** General and environmental

Tel: 020 7841 4000

Address:

c/o Saffery Champness 71 Queen Victoria Street

London EC4V 4BE

NB the trust does not have a website.

**Grant potential:** 

Generally £1,000 but up to £5,000

**Interests:** General charitable donations to organisations working in the following causes:

- education, training, and employment
- medical, health and sickness
- arts and culture
- animals and environment
- community development.

**How to Apply:** In writing, outlining the project with a cost breakdown.

**Charity No: 263285** 

The Ashden Awards

Geography: Nationwide

Project Types: General but, for churches, especially engagement

Tel: 0207 410 7023 Interests: "Ashden's mission is to accelerate

Ashden The Peak 3rd Floor, 5 Wilton Road London SW1V 1AP

Email:

apply@ashden.org

Web: www.ashden.org

**Grant potential:** 

£10,000 or £20,000 per award

transformative climate solutions and build a more just world. Our awards, events, networks and analysis support climate innovation in the UK and developing countries around the world."

The Ashden Awards are for organisations that deliver sustainability at the local level, in ways that are innovative, scalable, and replicable, and through this bring social, economic, and environmental benefits.

Awards open annually in January and close in March.

There are three UK awards:

- Climate innovation
- Green skills
- Green Communities

The green communities award is the one most likely to be relevant to churches "The award will recognise an initiative that makes climate action relevant to the everyday lives of citizens and the things they care about, with particular attention on engaging beyond typical 'green audiences.' It will seek to reward work that demonstrates how climate action can cut carbon and tackle social issues (such as poor mental or physical health) at the same time. The issues tackled and approaches used could range from highlighting under—represented voices within the climate sector to art projects inspiring communities into action."

**How to Apply:** Register your interest online at any time to receive notification of the opening of the awards entry and other information https://sfct.powerappsportals.com/ashden-home/ashden-interest/

Exclusions: See guidance notes and website.

**Charity No:** 1104153

#### The Aviva Climate Fund

**Geography:** Nationwide

**Project Types:** Climate Action; promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change.

**Tel:** 0207 410 7023

Ashden The Peak 3rd Floor, 5 Wilton Road London SW1V 1AP

Email: communityfund@aviva.com

Interests: This is a match funding opportunity. For every £1 donated towards your project, Aviva match it up to £50; but they will still 'match' donations over £50 e.g. if you receive a donation of £100 they will match it with £50. Match funding is dependent on you reaching your fundraising target. Community causes leading the way on climate action. This Fund is in addition to the Aviva Community Fund grants. Projects must:

- 1. Help prevent or reduce the impacts of climate change.
- 2. Help prepare people and places for the impacts

Web:

www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/startcrowdfunding

**Grant potential:** A max of £50,000 per organization.

of climate change, through education and recovery planning.

**How to Apply:** By creating an account on the Community Fund website.

**Exclusions:** Organisations not registered in the UK as a charity or social enterprise. Projects which discriminate on the basis of religion.

Charity No:

## **Aviva Community Fund**

**Geography:** Nationwide **Project Types:** General

Tel: 0207 410 7023

Ashden The Peak 3rd Floor, 5 Wilton Road London SW1V 1AP

Email:

communityfund@aviva.com

Web: www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk

Grant potential: Up to £50,000

**Interests:** This is insurance company Aviva's charitable fund; the Aviva Climate Fund is a part of it. The funding area relevant to environmental projects is: "Climate champions: helping communities to prevent, prepare for and protect against the impacts of climate change."

The fund works, effectively, as a Crowdfunding platform with Aviva employees being given money to distribute to projects they like, and the opportunity for you to publicise the project to raise money from the public.

**How to Apply:** Online – with detailed instructions and case studies. Sign up for Aviva Community Fund updates

**Exclusions:** Your organisation must:

- Be registered in the UK as a charity or social enterprise
- Have been operating for at least 12 months at the time of submission
- Have an annual income of no more than £1 million (can be averaged over the last three years)
- Have a safeguarding policy if it supports children or vulnerable people
- Be a living wage employee (if the organisation employs people)
- Have an active board of trustees or directors or management body.

Additional restrictions on the kind of projects they will fund can be found on the website.

## Biffa Awards: Rebuilding Biodiversity

**Geography:** Nationwide **but** within 15 miles of a Biffa operation and within 10 miles of an active landfill site.

**Project Types:** Biodiversity

Tel: 01636 670000

#### Address:

Biffa Award
Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts
The Kiln, Waterside
Mather Road
Newark
Nottinghamshire
NG24 1WT

Regional Grants Manager contact details on website.

Email: biffa-award@wildlifetrusts.org

Web: www.biffa-award.org

**Grant potential:** £10,000-£75,000 Average grant £32,829 Interests: Projects under the Rebuilding Biodiversity theme support a variety of living things, including all species of plants and animals and the natural systems/habitats that support them. Work can include habitat improvement works, tree surgery, scrub removal, and the purchase of plants, seeds, and trees. Projects should have a strong element of public access or inclusion such as volunteer involvement.

How to Apply: You will need to include a site survey and management plan, photographs of the site's condition and a clear rationale for the species and habitat management techniques you will use to fulfill the aim and outcomes outlined in your Full Application. Complete an Expression of Interest online Form, and then apply via the website. It is advised to contact the Grants Officer before applying. No deadlines.

**Exclusions:** Your church must be and have public access for 104 days a year. Research costs cannot be funded.

You will need to find a third-party contributor(s) to provide 10% of the grant you are applying for. Total project cost must be <£200,000.

## Biffa Award: Recreation

**Geography:** Nationwide **but** within 15 miles of a Biffa operation and within 10 miles of an active landfill site

**Project Types:** Other

Tel: 01636 670000

#### Address:

Biffa Award
Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts
The Kiln, Waterside
Mather Road
Newark
Nottinghamshire
NG24 1WT

Regional Grants Manager contact details on website.

Email: biffa-award@wildlifetrusts.org

**Interests:** Projects under the Recreation theme can include new play equipment; landscaping works, including boardwalks, trees, and shrubs; skate parks; woodland walks; nature trails; outdoor gyms; and building works within communal areas of sporting clubhouses which have a wider community use and are not for the sole use of sports club members.

How to Apply: you need to show evidence of wider community consultation and involvement in an application. This could be in the form of letters of support, consultation from community open days or a questionnaire, a village design statement or parish plan. Complete an Expression of Interest online Form, and then apply via the website. It is advised to contact the Grants Officer before applying. No deadlines.

Web: www.biffa-award.org

**Grant potential:** £10,000-£75,000 Average grant £32,829 **Exclusions:** Your church must have public access for 104 days a year.

You will need to find a third-party contributor(s) to provide 10% of the grant you are applying for. Total project cost must be <£200,000.

## Biffa Awards: Community Buildings

**Geography:** Nationwide **but** within 15 miles of a Biffa operation and within 10 miles of an active landfill site

**Project Types:** Efficiency, Energy, Water, Other

Tel: 01636 670000

#### Address:

Biffa Award
Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts
The Kiln, Waterside
Mather Road
Newark
Nottinghamshire
NG24 1WT

Regional Grants Manager contact details on website.

Email: biffa-award@wildlifetrusts.org

Web: www.biffa-award.org

**Grant potential:** £10,000-£75,000 Average grant £32,829 Interests: Projects under the Community Buildings theme include those which improve buildings at the heart of their communities — such as village halls, community centres and church halls. They can include building refurbishments and internal works to kitchens, toilets, roofs, flooring, windows, doors, and heating systems. Applications from churches must be able to demonstrate a wider community use and benefit — such as youth groups, special interest groups, exercise groups etc.

How to Apply: You need to show evidence of wider community consultation and involvement in an application. This could be in the form of letters of support, consultation from community open days or a questionnaire, a village design statement or parish plan. Complete an Expression of Interest online Form, and then apply via the website. It is advised to contact the Grants Officer before applying. No deadlines.

**Exclusions:** Your church must have public access for 104 days a year.

You will need to find a third-party contributor(s) to provide 10% of the grant you are applying for. Total project cost must be <£200,000.

## **CEMEX Community Fund**

Geography: Nationwide.

**Project Types:** Nationwide **but** must be within three miles of a CEMEX site.

**Tel:** 07557 318038

#### Address:

Harriet Aisthorpe CEMEX House Evreux Way Rugby CV21 2DT **Interests:** Grants to improve or enhance the social, built, or natural environment, public space, facility or building for leisure or entertainment, & to improve or enhance buildings or structures of religious, historical, or architectural interest.

**How to Apply:** Via the website. Current funding allocation not published, so contact them via the short form on the web link to enquire.

Email:

harriettvictoria.aisthorpe@cemex.com

Web: www.cemex.co.uk/contact-the-

communities-team

**Grant potential:** 

No information available

**Exclusions:** Must have community and stakeholder engagement during planning process.

## The Chapman Charitable Trust

**Geography:** Only for North Wales or South East England (Greater London, Herts, Cambs, Essex, Kent, East and West Sussex, Surrey and Hants)

**Project Types:** General

**Tel:** 0207 782 0007

Address:

62 Wilson Street London EC2A 2BU

**Email:** 

cct@chapmancharitabletrust.org.uk

Web:

www.chapmancharitabletrust.org.uk

**Grant potential:** Most grants are £1,000-£2,000. A few (mostly to national charities) are around £5,000.

**Interests:** Past grant recipients show they support individual churches. "We are a UK grant-giving charity focused on organisations which promote physical and mental wellbeing, conserve our natural environment, and increase the accessibility of the arts."

The Trust prefers to support charities which address the root causes of problems. The website has extensive guidance for applicants.

**How to Apply:** Applications should be made online through the website. Trustees meet twice a year in September and March. Check the website for application deadlines.

**Exclusions:** Individuals, CICs, Cooperative Societies and not-for-profit organisations. Geographical restrictions – there is a map on website for details.

**Charity No: 232791** 

# The Cobb Charity

Geography: National Project Types: Other

**Tel**: 01223 977 919

Address:

11 Wingate Way Trumpington Cambridge CB2 9HD

Email:

info@cobbcharity.org

Grant potential: typically, £750

**Interests:** "Grants to encourage the awareness and application of environmental care and sustainability. Smaller, up and coming charities."

The Cobb Charity offers grants to small charities working throughout the UK and aims to benefit projects promoting a more sustainable environment through *education*. Eligible education topics include:

- Traditional country skills.
- Recycling.
- Food and health.
- Organic food production.

**How to Apply:** Submit an email enquiry.

**Charity No: 248030** 

## The Cole Charitable Trust

Geography: West Midlands, Kent, Cambridgeshire

**Project Types: General** 

#### **Address**

Lise Jackson Administrator PO Box 955 Haslingfield Cambridge CB23 1WX

Email: thecoletrust@gmail.com

Website:

www.colecharitabletrust.org.uk

Grant potential: Typically £500-£1,200

**Interests:** Awards grants to individual churches. "The Cole Charitable Trust is a small grant-making trust... The trustees, in the main, like to support small charities for whom the modest grants available can make a significant difference."

Grants are available for charities that promote:

- Social welfare, all age groups
- Housing/homelessness
- Community and environmental development
- Opportunities for young people
- Promotion of improved quality of life
- Personal or community empowerment.

How to Apply: Download the Application Form from the website. Send with a covering letter on headed paper (of ONLY 1 SIDE of A4), by post or email (preferred) along with your latest accounts (unless these are available on the Charity Commission website).

**Charity No: 264033** 

#### The Dischma Charitable Trust

Geography: London, Hampshire (preference)

**Project Types:** General

#### **Contact Details:**

Linda Cousins Rathbones 8 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7AZ

Tel: 020 7399 0820

Email: <a href="mailto:linda.cousins@rathbones.com">linda.cousins@rathbones.com</a>

Grant potential: £500-£5,000

**Interests:** This is the family trust of Sir Simon Robertson, formerly European President of Goldman Sachs.

The trust has a wide range of interests including education (Sir Simon sits on the board of the Economist) the arts (he is a trustee of the Royal Opera house) and the environment (he is a trustee of the Eden Project). The trust received an additional £1.2m in 2019, so grants may increase in the future.

**How to Apply:** To Linda Cousins at Rathbones by post or email.

#### **Exclusions:**

Preference is given to London and Hampshire, although all UK charities are considered.

**Charity No: 1077501** 

## The Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust

**Geography:** Midlands (W Midlands, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire) (preference).

**Project Types:** General

Tel: 0121 472 1838

Address:

Sue Anderson
Trust Manager
Rokesley
University of Birmingham
Bristol Road
Birmingham
B29 6QF

Email: ecadburytrust@btconnect.com

Website:

www.edwardcadburytrust.org.uk

Grant potential: £500 - £10,000

Interests: Supports individual churches within its geographical focus. "The Trust's long-term interests in social welfare, music, nature, education and training combined with the Quaker values of simplicity, equality, justice, peace and care of the environment, underpin its grant making policy. Grants are made to registered charities, principally operating within the Midlands region, for projects which support and develop these areas of interest."

How to Apply: Applications can be made online, though the website also says that applications can be made "to the Trust Manager by post or email at any time". The letter of application should provide a clear and concise description of the project for which the funding is required and the outcomes and benefits that it is intended to achieve. They also require an outline budget and explanation of how the project is to be funded initially and in the future together with the latest annual report and accounts for the charity. Applications for funding are generally considered within three months.

**Exclusions:** Registered charities only.

**Charity No: 1160334** 

# **The Energy Saving Trust**

**Geography:** National

**Project Types: Energy, Efficiency** 

Address:

30 North Colonnade Canary Wharf London E14 5GP

Email: energyredress@est.org.uk

Website:

www.energyredress.org.uk/about-us

The Energy Saving Trusts administers the distribution of money from fines levied on energy companies. Most of this funding goes to organisations supporting individuals at risk of cold homes but some is also given to *Innovation Projects* and *Carbon Emissions Reduction (CERF)*.

**NOTE:** The fund is not designed to support energy saving improvements or energy generation technology in individual community buildings and facilities.

Innovation Projects: The Energy Redress Scheme is not presently designed to support energy saving

improvements or energy generation technology in individual community buildings and facilities.

CERF: energy-related activities aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions from energy use. These projects must focus on energy generation, distribution, or energy use.

#### **Projects must**

- Have a realistic prospect of delivering benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers.
- Help to reduce the environmental impact of energy use.
- Be efficiently managed and provide good value for money.

Minimum grant is £20,000. Maximum grant depends on the size of the fund available. The scheme can fund projects lasting up to two years, can fund 100% of project costs, both capital and revenue.

**Exclusions:** Registered charities only. The initial eligibility stage includes several assessments of governance and financial health.

How to Apply: You must complete an initial registration phase. At any time. Applications are reviewed on a January, April, July, and October. Eligible charities that have registered interest in the scheme will be notified when funds become available. Applications are made through an online system and closing dates for applications will be determined quarterly.

**Charity No:** 1144106

### **Ernest Cook Trust**

**Geography:** National

**Project Types:** Engagement

**Tel:** 01285 712492

Address: Fairford Park Fairford Gloucestershire

GL7 4JH

**Email:** grants@ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Website: www.ernestcooktrust.co.uk

Interests: Since 2019 all grants awarded are for environmental education projects, outdoor learning and 'learning from the land'. The Trustees would like to see applicants addressing key global concerns through educational projects which focus on issues such as (but not exclusive to):

- connecting with nature
- climate change
- environmental pollution
- loss of biodiversity
- farming and food production

Grant potential: Up to £15,000

- renewable energy
- mental and physical wellbeing
- social justice

Whilst some grant streams have a more youth focus, Trustees believe there should be no barrier to engaging with the environment and therefore family and community projects are welcome. The Trust also believes in inclusivity with regards to gender, race, religion, or ability. Applications from urban and rural deprived areas and those including disadvantaged members of society will have merit. More grant streams coming in 2022 including 'The Learning Estate'.

**How to Apply:** Online only; grants committee three times a year. Check online for next deadline.

**Exclusions:** Faith organisations may apply if there is a clear benefit to the local community and not just to those of a particular faith

**Charity No: 1146629** 

## The Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust

**Geography:** Sussex (Preference) **Project Types:** Biodiversity. General.

**Tel:** 07960 057742

#### Address:

c/o Knill James LLP 1 Bell Lane Lewes East Sussex BN7 1JU

Email: admin@ekct.org.uk

#### Website:

www.ekct.org.uk

**Grant potential:** small grants up to £5,000, medium £5,000-£10,000, large £10,000+.

**Interests:** "Support is principally given to charities working in the fields of wildlife and environmental conservation (national and international), or charities operating in the county of Sussex across a range of fields."

Projects should focus on wildlife & environmental conservation, youth, or disability & care of the elderly.

**How to Apply:** Online application form. Small grants programme is rolling and applications can be made at any time of the year; medium four times a year, large grants twice a year.

**Exclusions:** Churches and places of worship outside of Cuckfield and Haywards Heath. Organisations not registered as charities in the UK or those that have been registered for less than a year. CICs.

## **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**

**Geography:** National

Project Types: Biodiversity. Water. Engagement. Other.

Tel: 020 7812 3700

Address: Kings Place 90 York Way London N1 9AG

Email: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Web: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

**Grant potential:** 

Grants range from £10,000 to £1m+.

**Interests:** The Foundation is one of the largest UK independent grant-making foundations and aims to improve the quality of life throughout the UK.

Their environmental funding goal is: "to ensure that our natural world is restored and protected and that people benefit from that recovery."

They have three key impact goals by 2030:

- Preserved and improved species health and habitats.
- 2. Sustainable and ethical food.
- 3. Clean and healthy freshwater

Within these impact goals their five priorities are:

- Peat
- Space for nature
- Nature friendly farming
- Fishing in tandem with nature
- Freshwater

All projects should focus on one of these areas, ideally at scale and/or give underrepresented groups access to nature.

They are temporarily closing to new applications under their 'A Fairer Future' aim, from January 2020. They will reopen from May 2022.

**How to Apply:** Extensive information is available via their website. There is a two-stage application process and the first stage is online. There are no deadlines.

**Exclusions:** Do not fund building or equipment costs. Do not fund promotion of religion. Do not fund energy efficiency or waste reduction schemes such as recycling or renewable energy schemes unless they have exceptional social benefits. Do not fund organisations with a turnover less than £100,000.

**Charity No:** 200051

# **FCC Community Action Fund**

(Previously WREN)

Geography: National, but within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility.

**Project Types:** General

**Tel:** 01953 717165

**Interests:** Individual churches, PCCs, Parish or Town Council or Management Committees can apply.

#### Address:

FCC Communities Foundation Ltd Unit 1E Snetterton Park Harling Road Snetterton Norfolk NR16 2JU

Email: Sophie Cade, Grant Manager

Sophie.cade@

fcccommunities foundation.org.uk

01953 714 124

Or general contact email:

info@fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk

#### Web:

www.fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk

**Grant potential:** Grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 are available for projects with a maximum total project cost of £500,000 (inc. VAT).

Supports capital projects. Previously known as WREN, FCC Communities Foundation was established in 1997 and has provided over £250m to more than 7,500 projects across the UK. The Foundation is a not-for-profit business that helps benefit the lives of people who live close to landfill sites by awarding grants for community, conservation, and heritage projects.

How to Apply: Via online application form.

**Exclusions:** You will need to find a third-party contributor(s) to provide 10% of the grant you are applying for. Projects must be completed within 12 months of their funding decision.

#### **Ford Britain Trust**

**Geography**: Projects in Essex, Bridgend, Southampton, Daventry, Manchester, and Liverpool will be given a higher weighting.

**Project Types**: Engagement. General.

## **Contact Details:**

Ford Britain Trust 15-02B D20-B Ford Dunton Technical Centre Laindon Basildon Essex SS15 6EE

Email: fbtrust@ford.com

#### Website:

www. ford.co.uk/experience-ford/fordbritain-trust

**Grant potential:** Two grant types are small grants (up to £250)and large grants (up to £3,000)

Interests: Projects should focus on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to their UK locations (see above). Geographical proximity to Ford plants necessary to be eligible:

Essex, Bridgend (South Wales), Southampton, Daventry, Manchester, Livierpool.

**How to Apply:** Complete an application form and return via email. Deadlines are published on the website and applications received after the deadline will be considered in the next round.

**Exclusions:** Religious projects are not considered; churches will need to emphasise the environmental aspect of their projects. CICs, local authorities and councils not eligible.

#### The Four Winds Trust

Geography: No restrictions stated

**Project Types:** Engagement

**Tel:** 07753 619356

Address:
Jane Cadbury
54 Chandos Street

Hereford HR4 0EX

Email: fourwindstrust.1943@gmail.com

Grant potential: £500 - £1,500

**Interests:** The purpose of the Four Winds Trust is to give those living in city a better chance to enjoy nature and the beauties of the countryside

**How to Apply:** In writing to the correspondent.

**Charity No:** 223794

**Exclusions:** No grants for individuals, capital projects, buildings, expeditions or overseas projects. Focus application on projects for people and communities.

## **Four Winds Trust**

**Geography:** No restrictions stated

**Project Types:** General

**Tel:** 023 9232 1250

Address:

64 Station Road

Drayton Portsmouth PO6 1PJ

Email: fourwindstrust1971@gmail.com

Web: <a href="https://register-of-">https://register-of-</a>

charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/cha

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details/262524/charity-overview

Grant potential: up to £2,000

Interests: The Charity was formed by Trust Deed on 3 May 1971 to support financially the furtherance of Christian work in the UK and overseas. It will also benefit, where thought fit, secular organisations, secular education, and the relief of the poor and needy.

How to Apply: In writing

**Charity No: 262524** 

## The Freshfield Foundation

Geography: No restrictions stated

**Project Types:** General

Tel: 0151 236 1494

Address: c/o BWM Castle Chambers 43 Castle Street Liverpool

Email: paul.k@bwm.co.uk

The provision of grant funding to other charities with particular emphasis on those involved in the general fields of sustainable development, climate change mitigation and overseas disaster relief.

How to Apply: In writing to the trustees.

**Exclusions:** The fund advise contacting them to confirm

eligibility before making an application.

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**Charity No:** 1003316

**Grant potential:** At the discretion of the trustees but upwards of £20,000.

## The G D Charitable Trust

Geography: No restrictions stated

**Project Types:** General

**Contact Details:** 

020 7227 7000

Address:

c/o BDP Pitmans LLP 50 Broadway London SW1H OBL

Grant potential: £1000-£50,000

**Interests:** A range of interests including environment, heritage, and conservation. Most grants are around £5,000 and the largest grant in 2019/20 was to the Blue Marine Foundation in the Environment category for £97,000.

**How to Apply:** In writing to the trustees. Continuous rolling programme.

**Exclusions:** Contact the fund to confirm eligibility

**Charity No:** 1096101

## **Garfield Weston Foundation**

Geography: National
Project Types: General

Tel: 020 7399 6565

Address:

Weston Centre 10 Grosvenor Street London, W1K 4QY

Web: www.garfieldweston.org/

**Grant potential:** 

Average Grant £5,000 - £30,000 Regular Grants up to £100,000 Major Grants £100,000 plus Interests: The Garfield Weston Foundation is one the UK's largest grantmakers and has a very wide range of causes and projects that it supports. It's funding is derived from its ownership of a large portion of share in Associated British Foods (ultimate owners of Primark, Twinings, Ovaltine and other well-known brands) and Fortum and Mason.

The Foundation supports a broad range of capital projects, especially providing new facilities that will have a positive impact on the community. It supports a range of environment projects ranging from organisations that raise public awareness of, and find solutions to, specific issues such as sustainable fishing, in addition to charities that undertake active conservation work. The Trustees favour projects that benefit large numbers of people and are inclusive.

How to Apply: Applications should be submitted using an online application form, available on their website. Extensive notes, guidance and support are also available on the website. There are no deadlines, applications take around 4-6 months to receive a decision. You should contact the foundation first if considering applying for a grant of over £100,000.

**Exclusions:** The Foundation prefers to support project where are least 50% of the budget has been secured and rarely funds more than 10% of the cost of a project.

**Charity No: 230260** 

## **Greggs Foundation Fund**

Geography: North East England (currently)

**Project Types:** General

Tel: 07392 195377

Web:

https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/g

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Grant potential: approx. £20,000

Interests: Generally the Foundation provides a wide range of project funding to organisations across the UK. At present the only open programmes are the North East Core Funding ("provides grants of up to £45,000 to charitable organisations based in the North East of England who are making a real difference in their communities.") and the Hardship Fund.

They include 'the environment' as a focus for funding, and this would currently be in the context of North East Core Funding for community projects.

**How to Apply:** First contact the Foundation Secretary, Justine Massingham to discuss your project eligibility. The website has detailed information on eligibility and assessment criteria.

**Exclusions:** Geographical restrictions currently as above. Only for organisations with <£300,000 annual income. Organisations may only apply once a year.

#### **HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust**

Geography: National, with possible preference four South of England.

**Project Types:** General

**Tel:** 01608 678051

Sue Trafford Trust Administrator Henley Knapp Barn

Fulwell

**Chipping Norton** 

Oxon OX7 4EN

Email: suetrafford@hdhwills.org

Web: www.hdhwills.org

Grant potential: £250 - £2,000

**Interests:** "We are an independent grant-making charity that supports general, environmental and wildlife charities."

Small charities where funding of £250-£500 will have a meaningful impact. Larger grants (£1,000-£2,000) are available for charities which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment (note your whole charity must focus on this to receive a larger grant, not just the project).

More detailed grant criteria are available online together with a list of charities that have recently received grants.

How to Apply: Apply online.

**Charity No:** 1117747

## The Hobson Charity Ltd

Geography: National Project Types: General

Tel: 0203 880 6425

Address: PO Box 57691 London NW7 0GR

Web: www.hobsoncharity.org.uk

**Grant potential:** £10,000

Interests: This large trust makes grants totalling £3.4m annually to a wide range of charitable causes. They fund projects, not core costs, and will not fund salaries or multi-year projects. The focus is therefore very much on the kind of capital projects that churches are undertaking for environmental works.

**How to Apply:** Online – detailed instructions are available on the website.

At present (June 2021) they are only considering limited applications for equipment not related to Covid recovery, monthly.

**Exclusions:** Registered Charities only. Does not fund salaries or core running costs.

## **JJ Charitable Trust**

**Geography:** National

Project Types: Other. Engagement

**Tel:** 0207 410 0330

Address: The Peak Wilton Road London SW1V 1AP

Email: <a href="mailto:JJCT@sfct.org.uk">JJCT@sfct.org.uk</a>

Web: www.sfct.org.uk

Grant potential: £5,000-£25,000

**Interests:** The JJ Trust is part of the Sainsbury Family Trusts, which are all run from the same office.

The Trust supports projects creating social and cultural change towards more sustainable lifestyles – creative approaches that visualise a sustainable future in positive ways, innovative economic models that support sustainable lifestyles, and the role of the broadcast media in communicating about climate change and sustainability.

**How to Apply:** Applications should be submitted online. You may also apply by post. Your enquiry should be no longer than 2 sides of A4 and provide the same information as the form. Please do not send books, brochures, DVDs, annual reports, or accounts.

**Note**: The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts (SFCT) operate an "application to one is an application to all" policy. If you have applied to another SFCT charity you should not separately apply to this one.

#### John Coates Charitable Trust

**Geography:** The Trust is currently only supporting charities which deliver projects in the following areas London-wide (or work focused on North Kensington, Lambeth, Merton, Wandsworth) Cambridge, Hampshire, North West Norfolk, North Devon, Surrey, West Sussex.

**Project Types:** General

Tel: 01285 719595

#### Address:

The Trust Partnership Ltd 6 Trull Farm Buildings Trull Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SQ

#### Email:

johncoates@thetrustpartnership.com

#### Web:

www.johncoatescharitabletrust.org.uk

#### **Grant potential:**

£5,000-£10,000 (higher in "exceptional circumstances").

**Interests:** The Trust offers financial assistance to UK-registered charities which work in the following areas:

- Education
- The arts
- Medicine and healthcare
- Heritage and the environment
- Societal and community cohesion.

**How to Apply:** Apply online. There are two grant meetings annually and deadlines for each (usually late May and early December) are on the website.

**Exclusions:** Geographical restrictions as above.

**Charity No: 262057** 

## John Spedan Lewis Foundation

Geography: National Project Types: Biodiversity

#### Address:

The Secretary Chairman's Office Partnership House Carlisle Place London SW1P 1BX

#### Web:

www.johnspedanlewisfoundation.org

Grant potential: £1,000-£6,000

Interests: "The John Spedan Lewis Foundation (JSLF) is focused on the personal interests of John Spedan Lewis, the founder of the John Lewis Partnership who was a keen naturalist. The JSLF was established in 1964 following Spedan's death.

The trust supports a range of natural history topics.

**Exclusions:** The JSLF accepts appeals only from UK registered charities for which *natural history topics are explicitly stated among their charitable purposes*, including wildlife conservation, entomology, ornithology, and horticulture.

**How to Apply:** Apply in writing to the trustees. Check website for deadlines. Trustees meet twice a year.

# **Leathersellers Company Foundation**

Geography: National Project Types: General

Tel: 0207 330 1444

Address:

7 St Helen's Place

London EC3A 6AB

Web: www.leathersellers.co.uk

**Grant potential:** £3,000

**Interests:** The Leathersellers Company has a small grant programme for charities supporting vulnerable people in geographical areas of high deprivation (within the UK)

**Exclusions:** UK registered charities (this includes Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) but not Community Interest Companies (CIC)). It is likely that we will continue with our approach not to typically fund the following:

- Medical research
- Hospices
- Capital restoration projects for the sole purpose of conservation/heritage

**How to Apply:** Online. The programme is scheduled to reopen post-Covid in August 2021. You can join the mailing list to be alerted when applications reopen.

**Charity No:** 278072

## The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation

Geography: National, preference for Yorkshire

**Project Types**: General

**Tel:** 01423 566666

Address:

c/o Rayworths LLP Eton House 89 Station Parade Harrogate North Yorkshire HG1 1HF

Email:

bramallfoundation@raworths.co.uk

Web:

www.bramallfoundation.org

**Grant potential:** 

Interests: The Foundation's objects include "the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief of the Church of England" and "the protection or conservation of the environment." The Foundation makes grants to a wide range of causes and projects, mostly in Yorkshire.

**How to Apply:** All applications must include a paragraph of no more than 120 words summarising your application.

Applications can be made by letter or by e-mail. Applications should contain:

- A short synopsis of the aims and activities of you/your charity/organisation;
- Details of the project/projects for which you are seeking funding; and
- The level of funding you are seeking; and
- An indication of other sources of funds which

will make your project sustainable.

Exclusions: None stated.

#### The Mackintosh Foundation

Geography: National Project Types: General

Tel: 0207 637 8866

#### Address:

Richard Knibb General and Company Secretary 1 Bedford Square London WC1B 3RB

#### Email:

info@camack.co.uk

#### **Grant potential:**

£1,000 - £6,000

**Interests:** The Foundation was started and funded by theatre impresario Cameron Mackintosh. The foundation gives priority to:

- the theatre and the performing arts
- medical aid particularly research into cancer and HIV and AIDS
- homelessness
- community project
- the environment
- refugees

In the environmental field the Foundation is looking to award grants to environmental projects aimed at the conservation, protection, and enhancement of nature in the UK and abroad.

How to Apply: Apply in writing to the General and Company Secretary. Outline details of the organisation, details of the project for which funding is required and a breakdown of the costs involved. Supporting documentation should be kept to a minimum and a stamped addressed envelope enclosed if materials are to be returned. The Foundation responds to all applications in writing and the process normally takes 4-6 weeks.

**Charity No:** 327751

#### The Matthew Good Foundation

Geography: National Project Types: General

#### Address:

Matthew Good House Bridgehead Business Park Orchid Road Hessle HU13 0DH

#### Web:

www.matthewgoodfoundation.org

**Grant potential:** £3,500

**Interests:** The Foundation's "Grants for Good" programme gives between £1,000 and £3,500 to 20 projects a year that "have a positive impact on communities, people or the environment."

**How to Apply:** There is a deliberately simply application form on the web site.

**Exclusions:** Your application must be on behalf of a local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise that has a positive impact on communities, people or the environment and has an

average income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

**Charity No: 1143550** 

## The McCarthy Stone Foundation

Geography: National Project Types: General

Tel: 01202 292480

#### Address:

4th Floor, 100 Holdenhurst Road Bournemouth Dorset BH8 8AQ

#### Web:

www.mccarthystonefoundation.org

**Grant potential:** £5,000

Interests: McCarthy & Stone is a large builder of retirement villages in the UK. The foundation has an interest in young people, older people and community buildings and is particularly keen to support projects where these three interests intersect. They are interested in sustainability.

As a builder they can often offer project advice from specialists alongside a grant.

**How to Apply:** The small grant programme is open for regular rounds and dates can be found on the website. You should complete an expression of interest which can be followed by a call with the Foundation Manager.

**Exclusions:** Religious projects must have substantial community involvement/benefit.

#### **Morrisons Foundation**

Geography: T Project Types:

Tel: 0845 611 4449

#### Address:

Hilmore House Gain Lane Bradford West Yorkshire BD3 7DI

#### **Email:**

foundation.enquiries@morrisonsplc.co. uk

#### Web:

www.morrisonsfoundation.com

#### **Grant potential:**

Grants are available to fully fund projects up to £25,000.

Interests: The Morrisons Foundation awards grant funding for charity projects which make a positive difference in local communities. We will support community-led, local partnerships that will drive change not only within but also beyond their community, to:

- Reduce their carbon footprint sustainably
- Increase participation in community-led climate action.

**How to Apply:** Apply online. There is extensive information and guidance on the website.

**Exclusions:** The Morrisons Foundation will not generally consider applications which are related to the promotion of religion. The Foundation likes to fully fund projects with its grants – which means projects over £25,000 are effectively excluded.

## The National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All (England)

**Geography:** Nationwide **Project Types:** General

Tel:

0845 410 2030

Address:

Big Lottery Fund 1 Plough Place London, EC4A 1DE

Email:

general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Web: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Grant potential: £300-£10,000

**Interests:** Small grants of up to £10,000 are available to support small-scale community projects. These grants are for a range of projects and will cover both revenue (on-going) costs and capital (one off) costs.

See website for a full list of what they will fund.

**How to Apply:** Online application form via their website. There is no application deadline, the team aim to have a decision on your application within 10 weeks.

**Exclusions:** Project must be completed within 1 year.

They will not contribute towards building projects where the total project cost is more than £25,000.

# The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities England

Geography: National Project Types: General

Tel:

0845 410 2030

Address:

Big Lottery Fund 1 Plough Place London, EC4A 1DE

Email:

general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Web: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Grant potential: £300-£500,000+

**Interests:** The Reaching Communities programme funds projects that help to improve communities and the lives of people most in need. Churches are eligible to apply if the project is genuinely open to the whole community and the beneficiaries are not limited to the church.

All projects must be able to meet one or more of their three funding priorities: bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities, improve the places and spaces that matter to communities and enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

As of 2021 all projects should show how you are supporting the "people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19."

They will fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development, and capital costs.

**How to Apply:** First step is submitting your idea – either online or by contacting your regional

representative. Online application form, with a twostage application process. No deadlines.

Exclusions: See guidance notes and website.

#### The NatureSave Trust

**Geography:** National

Project Types: Biodiversity. Energy. General.

**Tel:** 01803 864390

Address:

South Devon House Babbage Road Totnes TQ9 5JA

Email: mail@naturesave.co.uk

Web: www.naturesave.co.uk

Grant potential: £1,000-£5,000

**Interests:** Environmental and Conservation Projects: Working with communities and organisations to protect wildlife and improve biodiversity

Social Enterprise Projects: Working with charities and voluntary organisations to support vulnerable and disadvantaged groups

Community Renewable Energy Grants: Providing startup 'seed corn' grants for community renewable energy projects. They will fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development, and capital costs.

**How to Apply:** online application form or download the NatureSave Trust Application Form and complete it together with any further information that you think might be useful, then email it to them.

Alternatively, you can send a hard copy to the Trust Administrator by post. Rolling deadline.

**Exclusions:** The organisation and/or project must have a website. The NatureSave Trust does not fund staff costs.

Charity No: 1048505

## The Nineveh Trust

Geography: National Project Types: General

Address:

S Hutchinson 8 Mill Lane Saffron Walden Essex

CB10 2AS

Web: www.ninevehtrust.org.uk

Grant potential: £1,000-£15,000

**Interests:** Supports a broad range of UK-based projects and activities of benefit to the General Public, with an emphasis on promoting better understanding of the countryside.

- The health, welfare, and education of the public
- The study and appreciation of agriculture, silviculture, ecology, and land management
- The study and appreciation of land and estate management that encourages conservation of the countryside.

**How to Apply:** Grant Applications should address the Trust's objectives and be no longer than 2 double-sided pages. Please send three copies with SAE for a reply, and four copies of the contact form.

**Restrictions**: "We prefer to pay grants to UK registered charities or Community Interest Companies."

Charity No: 256025

## The P F Charitable Trust

Geography: Preference for Oxfordshire and Scotland

**Project Types:** General

**Tel:** 0203 696 6721

Address:

R F Trustee Co 15 Suffolk Street London SW1Y 4HG

**Grant potential:** In 2019 typical grants were £5,000. The largest grant was £56,000.

**Interests:** This large trust (£2.3m grants 2019) funds a wide range of grant areas including churches.

How to Apply: In writing.

**Exclusions:** Geographical preferences (Oxfordshire and Scotland). Funds both registered and exempt charities.

## Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation

Geography: National
Project Types: Engagment

Tel: 0207 193 7364

Address:

The Secretary
Polden-Puckham
Charitable Foundation
BMPPCF
London
WC1N 3XX

Email: ppcf@polden-puckham.org.uk

Web: www.polden-puckham.org.uk

**Grant potential:** Up to £15,000

Interests: The Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation (PPCF) is a grant giving trust with Quaker family roots in the United Kingdom. They aim to contribute to the development of a just society based on a commitment to nonviolence and environmental sustainability. Their priority is to address systemic threats by seeking to change policy and attitudes at a national, European, or international level. In order to do this they support projects that seek to influence values and attitudes, promote equity and social justice, and develop radical alternatives to current economic and social structures.

This means that systemic and policy projects are eligible – individual greening projects (for example solar panels on a building) will not be.

**How to Apply:** The trust is planning new grantmaking criteria and processes soon. See the web page for details.

**Exclusions:** 

## The Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation

Geography: National **Project Types:** General

**Tel:** 020 7930 4832

Address:

**Company Secretary** 

St. James's London SW1A 1BA

Web: www.pwcf.org.uk

**Grant potential:** 

Small grants = £1,000 - £5,000Avg. size of grant = £1,500

Interests: Funding areas include: The built environment and young people, conservation, arts and culture, welfare of the elderly and religion.

2021 update: "We will seek to prioritise available grant funding to support those organisations that are delivering projects in communities severely impacted by the pandemic."

**How to Apply:** Via their online application form. Include details about the history of the church and a photograph of the church via the post.

**Charity No:** 1127255

## The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust

**Geography:** Cheshire and Hertfordshire (strong preference)

Project Types: Biodiversity. General.

#### **Contact Details:**

01433 631308

Mr George Wolfe 28 Brookfields Calver Hope Valley Derbyshire S32 3XB

#### Email:

secretary@clutterbucktrust.org.uk

Web: www.clutterbucktrust.org.uk

Grant potential: £1,000-£3,000

**Interests:** Grants are available to purchase specific items to assist a range of charitable causes, including natural history and wildlife. The Trust prefers to make grants for specific items and projects rather than for running costs.

How to Apply: The deadlines for the rounds of applications are 30th June and 31st December in each year. The Trustees generally meet in March and September.

There are no application forms and charities wishing to apply should write to the Secretary giving details of what they propose to do with any grant made and of their current financial position. (accounts are not needed if the most recent ones are available on the Charity Commission website.)

**Exclusions:** Strong preference for Cheshire and Hertfordshire but will consider general applications. No

charities with annual income >£1m.

## The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF)

Geography: National (but only in rural communities)

**Project Types:** 

**Web:** www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund

Email:

info@energyhub.org.uk

**Grant potential:** Up to £100,000

**Interests:** The RCEF is a £10m programme supporting rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects, which provide economic and social benefits to the community.

RCEF provides support to rural communities in 2 stages:

Stage 1: grants of up to £40,000 for a feasibility study for a renewable energy project

Stage 2: grants of up to £100,000 for business development and planning of feasible schemes

How to Apply: RCEF is run by 5 regional Local Energy Hubs. These are North East Yorkshire and Humber, North West, Midlands, South West and South East. If you would like to register your interest for the scheme, or would like further information, please contact the relevant hub for your area by visiting the RCEF website.

**Exclusions**: Grants are available to eligible organisations (including churches) in communities of <10,000 people. DEFRA provides a map to enable you to determine if your community is eligible.

# **The Schroder Charity Trust**

**Geography:** National. **Project Types:** General.

**Tel: 0**203 170 5793

Address:

81 Rivington Street London EC2A 3AY

Web: www.schrodercharitytrust.org

Grant potential: £2,500-£5,000

**Interests:** "The Schroder Charity Trust is an independent grant-making family trust which supports a wide range of charitable activities."

Environment and conservation projects are supported, amongst other interests. 20% of applications are successful. They fund both core costs and specific projects, but not large capital appeals. Grants are for a one-year period, rather than over multiple years.

**How to Apply:** Online application online. Rolling

deadlines.

**Exclusions:** Must be a registered Charity.

#### The Screwfix Foundation

Geography: National Project Types: General

#### Address:

Trade House Mead Avenue Yeovil Somerset BA22 8RT

Email: <a href="mailto:foundation@screwfix.com">foundation@screwfix.com</a>

Web:

www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfound ation

Grant potential: £5,000

Interests: This is the Foundation of the well know building trade supplies store, which made grants of £2m in 2020. Their focus is on buildings and their repair and improvement. They say: "We have a clear purpose of raising funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need throughout the UK."

How to Apply: Online. "All applications are reviewed individually by our team on a quarterly basis, the review dates are in March, June, September and December. All successful applications will be contacted by post, email, or phone to arrange the next step. Unsuccessful applicants will be contacted within one month of the review meeting. Once you have received your outcome, should you wish to reapply, please do so after 12 months. This applies to both successful and unsuccessful applications."

#### **Exclusions:**

You must be a registered Charity or Not for Profit organisation. Help those in need (this could be by reason of financial hardship, sickness, distress, or other disadvantages in the UK) and be looking for funding to support projects that relate to the repair, maintenance, improvement or construction of homes, community buildings and other buildings.

**Charity Number**: 1151375

#### **Severn Trent Community Fund**

**Geography:** Areas covered by Severn Trent (roughly Shropshire to the Humber in the north, Bristol Channel to Leicestershire in the south).

#### **Project Types:**

Tel:

Address:

Email:

Web:

https://www.stwater.co.uk/aboutus/severn-trent-communityfund/available-funding/ **Interests:** "Our customers have helped us to create and shape our new community fund. We've spoken to lots of you to better understand your community needs, and as a result, have chosen to design our fund around improving community wellbeing.

By this we mean:

- People: Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills
- **Places**: Projects that help to create better places to live in and use

#### **Grant potential:**

 Environment: Projects that will help look after our natural environment, give people greater access to that environment, or help look after water

We seek to fund projects that link to these key elements of community wellbeing - with favourability shown to projects that ideally lie within a 'sweet spot' that incorporates all three. If you are applying for over £75,000, please note that a combination of all three of these themes is necessary to be eligible.

And of course, being a water company, naturally we'd love to see applications for projects that have a connection to water too (although not essential)! This might mean creating sustainable drainage, installing grey water recycling, or creating water efficient green spaces."

Grants are in three bands:

- £2,000 to £10,000
- £10,001 to £75,000
- £75,001 to £200,000

Only Registered Charities, Registered Companies, local authorities, and Parish Councils can apply for >£10,000.

**How to Apply:** Online. Extensive information on eligibility, assessment criteria and reporting on the web site.

**Exclusions:** Geographical restrictions as above.

Charity number: 1108278

# **Tesco Community Grants**

Geography: National Project Types: General

**Contact Details:** 0121 237 5780

Lockside 5 Scotland St Birmingham B1 2RR

Web:

www.tescocommunitygrants.org.uk

Email: info@groundwork.org.uk

Grant potential: £1,000-£4,000

Interests: "Tesco Community Grants fund thousands of local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more." Projects must benefit their local community and the fund focuses on helping children and families.

**How to Apply:** Bags of Help is always open for applications from charities and community organisations.

Three community projects in each local area will be voted on by customers in Tesco stores, with projects changing every other month.

Following the vote, the project that received the most votes in its area will receive a grant of up to £4,000, second place receiving up to £2,000 and third place up to £1,000.

**Exclusions:** Detailed grant guidelines and eligibility checker on website.

## **Thrive Renewables Community Benefit Programme**

**Geography:** Near Thrive Renewable sites (see website)

Project Types: Energy. Efficiency.

Tel: 0117 934 1424

Address: St James Court St James Parade Bristol

BS1 3LH
Web:

https://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/ 1304

Email: rachel.haycock@cse.org.uk

**Grant potential:** Up to £4,000

**Interests:** Community buildings, like village halls and community centres, can apply for grants of up to £4,000. Grants can cover improvements such as insulation, draught-proofing, LED lighting or improved heating controls.

**How to apply:** Postal applications only. Before applying, complete the energy audit on their website.

Note: As at June 2021 programme closed due to Covid but anticipating reopening (date not stated).

**Exclusions**: The building must be close to one of the wind, hydro or solar sites in which Thrive Renewables is invested.

#### The Veolia Environment Trust

**Geography:** Nationwide **but** within 5 miles of a Veolia operation.

Project Types: General.

**Tel:** 0203 567 6820

Address:

Ruthdene Station Road Four Ashes Wolverhampton WV10 7DG

Email:

UK.EnvironmentalTrustInfo@veolia.com

Web: www.veoliatrust.org

Grant potential: £10,000-£75,000

Interests: The Trust fund public amenity and projects and, when considering an application, look for evidence of: Community involvement and consultation, the use of volunteers, development of skills, benefit a wide range of users including excluded, often overlooked, deprived and hard to reach groups.

Themes include: Capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates in one of the following categories e.g. Community buildings and rooms, outdoor spaces, and play and recreation.

How to Apply: Via the website.

**Exclusions:** Projects must have a total cost of under £250,000. Projects must have already secured at least 20% of the total cost. For awards of £40,000 and

above, you will need to find a third-party contributor(s) to provide 10% of the grant you are applying for. You must have public access for 104 days a year. There are four funding rounds each year. You must have all permissions in place before applying. Projects completed within 12 months.

## **Viridor Credits Environmental Company**

**Geography:** Near Viridor sites – use postcode checker on website. There is also a special programme for Taunton.

**Project Types:** General

**Tel:** 01823 476476

# Address: First Floor Aintree House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX

Web: www.viridor-credits.co.uk

**Grant potential:** up to £100,000.

**Interests:** There are both small grants for community projects (up to £20,000) and main and large grant programme for community, heritage, or biodiversity projects (£20,000-£50,000 and £50,000-£100,000).

In Taunton (where the company is based) applicants may apply for £20,000 for their community, heritage, or biodiversity project separately from the other programmes.

**How to Apply:** Using website. The Small Grants category benefits from a simpler application process.

**Exclusions:** Projects must be within 10 miles of an active, Viridor-managed landfill site.

Small and main grants projects are considered by the local Steering Groups, Small grants must start drawing down funding within three months of the offer of funding and finish within six months (six months and twelve months respectively for main grants). Large grant projects are considered by the main Viridor Credits Board and must start drawing down funding within six months of receipt of a funding decision and finish within 18 months. Large Grants will be awarded in limited numbers to the best projects presented to the Viridor Credits Board.

For all grants you will need to find a third-party contributor(s) to provide 10% of the grant you are applying for.

## **Wessex Water Environmental Fund**

**Geography:** Area covered by Wessex Water (roughly Dorset, Wiltshire, Bristol, Gloucestershire, Hampshire)

**Project Types:** General

#### Address:

Operations Centre
Claverton Down Road

Interests: The Environment Fund supports charitable and community activities that improve their local environment and have a positive impact on the quality

Claverton Down Bath BA2 7WW

#### Web:

https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/comm unity/apply-for-funding/theenvironmental-fund

**Grant potential:** up to £1,500

of life of the people in the local area. Applications must demonstrate one or more of the following outcomes:

- Involves communities in environmental activities that benefit the local area
- Has a positive impact on the local environment
- Share learning with local people about supporting the environment

Environmental priorities for this fund are:

- Conservation of water use
- Reduction of single-use plastic
- Reducing waste
- Improvements in local biodiversity

How to Apply: The fund is open annually in the Spring with decisions on grants made in July. Apply online.

**Exclusions**: Geographical restrictions above. Only open to organisations with <£500,000 a year income.

# Wiltshire Community Foundation

Geography: Wiltshire and Swindon

**Project Types:** General to support communities in deprived areas.

Tel: 01380 729284

#### **Address:**

**SN10 1JT** 

c/o Wiltshire and Swindon Community
Foundation
Sandcliff House
21 Northgate Street
DEVIZES
Wiltshire

Email: info@wiltshirecf.org.uk

Web: www.wiltshirecf.org.uk

**Grant potential:** 

Typically £1,000-£5,000

**Interests:** Support for deprived communities; individual churches can potentially apply for a grant towards an environmental and sustainability project as long as it is in an area of deprivation. To discuss eligibility, a church needs to call the Foundation in the first instanced.

**How to Apply:** Call the Foundation for details of current priorities, application deadlines etc.

**Charity Number: 1123126** 

## **Other Sources of Funding**

For environmental and sustainability projects it is also worth considering other sources of funding including:

#### **Local Community Funding**

 UK Community Foundations are networks of local funders. They cover the whole of England and are often based on historic counties. Visit <a href="www.ukcommunityfoundations.org">www.ukcommunityfoundations.org</a> for information about funders local to your project.

#### **Social Investment**

- **Leapfrog** enables positive social, environmental, and financial impact for communities, those in deprivation by enabling their participation in and benefit from, an energy system in transition to lower carbon intensity. They provide affordable finance to community projects that deliver genuine social and environmental benefits locally. <a href="https://www.pureleapfrog.org">www.pureleapfrog.org</a>
- CO2Sense has specialised in financing renewable energy projects, supporting over 8MW of new renewable energy capacity to be developed and installed by commercial and community organisations. Building on this experience, CO2Sense has broadened its remit to invest in the wider environmental sector including energy efficiency, energy storage and waste and recycling. www.co2sense.co.uk

#### **Funding Networks**

Networks of funders and individuals interested in funding projects. These groups do not accept unsolicited applications but will accept approaches made to members, who then share with the wider network if appropriate.

- Environmental Funders Network <a href="https://www.greenfunders.org/">https://www.greenfunders.org/</a>
- Network for Social Change https://www.thenetworkforsocialchange.org.uk/
- The Funding Network https://www.thefundingnetwork.org.uk/

#### **Local Solar Providers**

Community Owned Renewable Energy LLP (CORE) is a £40 million investment partnership between Power to Change and Big Society Capital seeking to acquire operational, ground mounted solar farms in England on behalf of community energy groups with a view to transferring them into community ownership whilst maximising their financial, environmental, and social impact. CORE Partners www.corepartners.org.uk