

Grant schemes relevant to allotment projects

Please note that grant schemes go out of date very quickly – this list compiled November 2005.

Organisation	Grant objectives	Contact details
Big Lottery	Currently in development: visit website or call hotline for updates.	Hotline: 0845 410 2030 www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
Awards for All	A lottery grants programme aimed at local communities. Awards grants of between £500 and £5000. Simple and straightforward application procedure.	Tel. 0845 600 20 40 for your regional office www.awardsforall.org.uk
Landfill Tax Credit Scheme	Projects seeking funding must be within 10 miles of an active landfill site. Guidelines for the scheme stipulate that allotments are excluded 'since they are used by individuals, not the general public'. However, a number of allotment associations have secured funding for activities that provide a public amenity (e.g. wildlife gardens, community composting, community building).	Tel. 0161 972 0044 for area office www.ltcs.org.uk/webmaster@ltcs.org.uk
Age Concern	Currently three types of grants available to voluntary organisations: 1. Small Service Development Grants - for new or expanding local projects providing services for the direct benefit of older people. One-off grants up to £2,000. 2. Small Grants to Clubs – any club for older people may apply for a one-off grant of up to £200 for new equipment or activities. 3. Opportunities for Volunteering Scheme - Age Concern England is an agent for this Department of Health scheme. Grants are available for new projects which involve volunteers in providing services of benefit to older people in the fields of health and social care. Maximum grant is £20,000 per annum.	Tel. 0208 765 7738 grants.unit@ace.org.uk www.ageresource.org.uk
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	Allotments are eligible to apply in the Environment Programme for "work that promotes the availability and good management of allotments".	Tel. 0207 297 4722 info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Lloyds TSB	Grants for disability access improvements, accredited training for disadvantaged people.	Tel. 0870 411 1223 guidelines@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk
Corporate grants	Other banks, businesses and supermarkets may have national grant awarding trusts, which may run relevant grant schemes. Local stores and branches may also run small grant schemes but these are rarely relevant to allotments: however they may donate goods or produce. It is also worth contacting these about corporate volunteer days.	Visit www.google.co.uk and search on the relevant company and grants. Also see: www.cibfunding.org.uk
Community Foundations	Grant schemes and objectives are different for each foundation – contact your nearest foundation for information.	Community Foundation Network Tel. 0207 713 9326 www.communityfoundations.org.uk network@communityfoundations.org.uk
B&Q Better Neighbour Grants	The scheme provides £50 to £500 (at retail cost) of B&Q materials to help get a community project up and running. B&Q also operates a scheme to allow donation of waste and end of range materials to community groups. Ask your local B&Q for details.	www.diy.com/grants
Local Heritage Initiative (LHI) – England only	Helps local groups to investigate, explain and care for their local landscape, landmarks, traditions and culture. Grants of between £3,000 and £25,000.	Tel: 0207 591 6042 www.hlf.org.uk enquire@hlf.org.uk
The Co-operative Group	Average grant is £500. Project must benefit the local community in the catchment area of a Co-op shop and address one of these issues: combating crime and anti-social behaviour; promoting education; improving health.	Tel. 0161 827 5879 customer.relations@co-op.co.uk
CLA (The Country Land and Business Association) Charitable Trust	Helps to provide facilities for the disabled to take part in country sports and recreation and training in agriculture and horticulture. Applications should be for a specific project or item of capital equipment rather than on-going running costs. Trustees rarely give grants of more than £2,000 at present.	charitabletrust@cla.org.uk www.clacharitabletrust.org.uk

Biffaward	Aims to support projects that will be of lasting environmental benefit, increase or maintain biodiversity, improve quality of life and foster 'vibrant communities'. Funding is directed to projects that provide and improve public amenities for communities within 10 miles of a Biffa operation.	Tel: 01636 670 000 grants@rswt.org www.biffaward.org and www.rswt.org
BT Community Website Builder	Enables community groups to build and maintain their own website free of charge.	www.communitykit.co.uk
In Kind Direct	Distributes surplus goods from industry to voluntary organisations throughout the UK.	Tel: 0207 860 5927 www.inkinddirect.org.uk
BBC Children in Need	Has grants available for projects benefitting disadvantaged children.	www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/apply
Clear Skies	Provides grants of up to 50% for the costs of installing renewable technologies (e.g. solar panels).	www.clear-skies.org
The Neighbourhood Renewal Unit	Responsible for overseeing the Government's comprehensive neighbourhood renewal strategy, including: 1. The Neighbourhood Renewal Fund which aims to enable England's 88 most deprived authorities, in collaboration with their Local Strategic Partnership to improve services. 2. The Safer and Stronger Communities Fund which is aimed at tackling crime, addressing anti-social behaviour, improving the poor condition of streets and other public spaces - in particular for deprived neighbourhoods.	Tel. 08450 828 383 www.neighbourhood.gov.uk You may also find info on crime reduction at: www.crimereduction.gov.uk
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Britain's coalfield communities. Grants of between £500 - £10,000 in four grant categories: supporting communities; learning communities; enterprising communities; supporting people.	Tel. 0800 064 8560 info@coalfields-regen.org.uk www.coalfields-regen.org.uk
William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust	Wildlife gardens	Mrs Brenda Bell, St Mary's Cottage, School Lane, Astbury, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 4RG Tel: 01260 290 194

Lions, Roundtable, and Rotary Clubs	Generally support humanitarian causes rather than environmental e.g. families in distress, the disabled. Worth making contact with your local groups to see if you can help each other in any way.	To find your local group visit: www.lions.org.uk www.roundtable.co.uk www.ribi.org/index.asp
Powergen's GreenPlan	Renewable energy generation projects in the community. Projects must result in the creation of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind)	Tel. 0870 419 1521 www.powergen.co.uk rose.heaven@pgen.com
Camelot Foundation Transforming Lives programme	Projects that work with young parents, young asylum seekers, young people with mental health problems and young disabled people.	Tel. 0207 828 6085 info@camelotfoundation.org.uk www.camelotfoundation.org.uk
Community Facilities and Activities Programme	To help community and voluntary organisations in Wales provide facilities or carry out activities which will promote the regeneration of communities e.g. creating or refurbishing facilities, encouraging active or healthy lifestyles. Largest grants are £100,000, most applications are much smaller than this.	Lisa Clarridge or David Edwards Regeneration Unit Tel: 029 2083 1041 or 029 2082 6557 cfaphelp@Wales.gsi.gov.uk
European Social Fund	Occasionally has relevant grant schemes, usually for training.	www.esf.gov.uk
Wales Council for Voluntary Action	WCVA occasionally run grant schemes. Good information pack on grant schemes in Wales.	Tel. 029 2043 1700 enquiries@wcva.org.uk www.wcva.org.uk