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## Central and Welsh Government Funding and European Funding

### Join the TCV Community Network FREE in 2019

In celebration of its 60th Anniversary in 2019 and, thanks to the generous support of players of People's Postcode Lottery, TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) are offering a year's free membership to its Community Network to groups joining this year. Membership offers a dedicated support website, competitively-priced insurance, discounts from TCV's suppliers of tools, trees, seeds and equipment, funding information, access to grants and more!

### New Publication: Brexit Monitoring Report – Environment January 2019

Brexit will bring significant changes in the environmental policy area. Senedd Research has prepared this monitoring report for the Assembly's Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee. It provides an update on recent Brexit developments that are of importance to environmental policy in Wales

### British Ecological Society Outreach Grants

Funding is available for groups that:

- Increase public understanding of, and engagement with, ecology
- Stimulate discussion about ecology and its implications for society
- Inspire and enthuse people of all ages about the science of ecology, especially those not previously interested
- Develop skills in communicating the science of ecology

The first grant round of 2019 is now OPEN, with a deadline of Wednesday 20 March 2019.

### Community Foundation in Wales

A variety of grants of £500 to £1,000 are available for small, volunteer-driven community groups in different areas of Wales whose projects aim to deliver one of the five following outcomes:

- Improving people's chances in life
- Building stronger communities
- Improving rural and urban environments
- Encouraging healthier and more active people and communities
- Preserving heritage and culture

The programme has two annual deadlines: 31 January and 31 July.

### OneStop Carriers for Causes

Carriers for Causes grants are available for good causes within two miles of a One Stop shop. Grants, of up to £1000 will be available to support projects that 'benefit local communities - helping to improve lives and local places'. The types of projects funded will be very broad and will cover the direct costs needed to deliver the project e.g. buying litter pickers and bags for community clean up days, plants, spades and forks to plant up a new community garden, the cost of a minibus for a day trip for a community group or the materials needed to paint a room at the local hospice. Grants are available to non-profit organisations and groups only.

### GlobalGiving

GlobalGiving is the first and largest global crowdfunding community that connects nonprofits, donors, and companies in more than 170 countries. It is a non-profit organisation and also offers training and support.

### Total Giving

Total Giving is a free online fundraising platform for charities, with over 10,000+ uk charities registered. The money goes instantly and directly to your charity. There are no sign-up or on-going fees and the platform can accept donations in 137 different currencies..

### Virgin Money Giving

Virgin Money Giving allows charities, corporates, teams and individuals to raise money online easily and efficiently to support a host of activities. Charities are currently able to join for free.

### ASDA Foundation

Grants are available to charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK for local projects that benefit the wider community, address local needs and make a significant difference to the local community.

### Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

The Foundation aims to help raise the quality of life, particularly for those who are young, disadvantaged or elderly. Each year, grants totaling around £3 million are made to a wide range of registered charities across England and Wales (the Foundation will also fund organisations with 'accepted' or 'exempt' status such as churches and scout groups). There are four categories of grants – community, education, health and social welfare – and three levels of grants. Large grants are payments of £25,000 and above. Medium grants are between £5,000 to £25,000 and small grants are £5,000 and under. The Foundation supports capital projects only, and not running costs. The Trustees have a strong preference for capital projects of up to £5 million and grants are usually made as a single payment. Once completed, projects are expected to be self-financing. Applications should be made online via the website – [www.bernardsunley.org](http://www.bernardsunley.org).

### Biodiversity Solutions Grants

Biodiversity Solutions is a Social Enterprise body with a stated remit to use any surplus funding for projects which enhance knowledge of wildlife issues in West Wales or contribute towards conservation work in the area. Applications are assessed on a regular basis. It is suggested that preliminary applications should be made setting out ideas before making a detailed submission.

Groups should be aware that following the 3 April 2019 deadline the upper grant limit will be reduced from £25,000 to £20,000 so this is the last opportunity for groups who require £25,000 to access that level of grant support.

### Cardiff YMCA (1910) Trust

### The Chestnut Fund – Grants for conservation

The Chestnut Fund committee meets every 6 weeks to discuss new applications.

### Cuthbert Horn Trust

Previous grants have been for a range of activities such as environmental protection, music, and mental health. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have been for between £3,000 and £4,000 for general purpose costs.

### Dulverton Trust

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity supporting UK charities and CIOs tackling a range of social issues, protecting the natural world, and preserving heritage crafts. Single year grants are available, typically between £25,000 and £35,000 and also multi-year grants, usually for a period of 2-3 years. However multi-year grants are only awarded to charities which have been previous grant recipients. Applications are accepted all year around but Trustees make decisions in February, June and October and advise allowing 3-6 months for a decision.

### Dŵr Cymru's Water Framework Directive (WFD) Fund

The scheme provides financial contributions to not-for-profit organisations for projects that will deliver improvements to Welsh rivers, lakes and waterways. The aim is to create a more vibrant and healthy environment for people and wildlife and to help implement the European Union's Water Framework Directive within Dŵr Cymru's operational area. Applicants must;

- describe how their proposal relates to Dŵr Cymru operations or assets;
- they may be directly related to reducing the impacts / effects of the operation of assets or discharges,
- or involve 'upstream' or other work that could reduce the burden or risk of improvements being required at Dŵr Cymru assets.

**For further information, to discuss ideas for projects, or to obtain an application form, please e-mail [wfd@dwrwymru.com](mailto:wfd@dwrwymru.com).**

### **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - Environment and Food grants**

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. Grants support core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. There is a two stage application process; first apply online (acknowledgement by email within a week, decision within one month), then answer questions from a Grants or Social Investment Manager (decision in 2 - 4 months). There is no maximum grant amount. However, the Foundation makes only a small number of grants in excess of

£500,000 and it is unusual for the Foundation to give a grant of this size or larger to an organisation with which it does not already have a relationship. There are no deadlines or restrictions on re-applying.

We believe that people are the key to tackling the environmental challenges we face today. We fund organisations who can move, engage and inform people, and connect with the bigger picture of policy-making, social justice, or quality of life. The funding priorities for the environment strand are: Connecting people with nature and environment issues; nature conservation on land and at sea; countering the effects of damaging human activities and increasing understanding of lesser known plants, animals and organisms. The total environment spend in 2017 was £8.1m (45 grants). These ranged in size from £10k to £1.5m. The average length of grant was 32 months. There are no deadlines or restrictions on re-applying.

We believe there are ways to produce higher quality food that are better for people, the environment and livestock. We support community involvement in food production, the development of a more positive policy position for sustainable food and diets, and reduced use of harmful pesticides, herbicides, antibiotics and fossil fuels. Funding priorities are: Innovation in alternative approaches, Food and wellbeing, and Working towards a more coherent food sector. The total food spend in 2017 was £3.7m (20 grants). These ranged in size from £14k to £1m. The average length of grant was 30 months.

### **February Foundation**

Email applications should be sent to [rps@thefebbruaryfoundation.org](mailto:rps@thefebbruaryfoundation.org) for a decision, usually within 12 weeks.

### **Ford Britain Trust**

Grant applications will be considered for projects in all UK postcodes however locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting: There are two grants available:

Please check website for application windows.

### **The Fore Trust**

Registration for The Fore's next funding round will open on 1 April 2019. The deadline for application submission is at 29 April 2019

### **Frank Parkinson Agricultural Trust**

The Trustees have developed a progressive strategy, informed by strategic research and reports addressing global issues.

The Trustees are keen to encourage applications for financial support with projects and programmes that identify and spread best business and technological practice for the benefit of British Agriculture.

[mike.steelefp@yaho.com](mailto:mike.steelefp@yaho.com)

### Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation is a large national grant maker accepting applications from charities all across the UK and awards grants for around £70m annually, donating over £1 billion since its establishment.

### John Ellerman Foundation

The Foundation aims to advance the wellbeing of people, society and the natural world by focusing on the arts, environment and social action.

Environmental funding is concentrated under two main headings:

1. **Protecting the seas** – safeguarding and restoring the marine environment, through more and better managed protected areas; engaging coastal communities; reducing overfishing and tackling other harmful effects of human activity on the sea, such as pollution.
2. **Creating richer, more sustainable places on land** – building healthier ecosystems in urban or rural settings, through better management of these areas; experimenting with or linking together habitats; large-scale interventions that help restore places of special significance. We will also support work to reduce or prevent damaging effects of human activity, such as noise and air pollution or pesticides.

The focus is in the UK and UK waters, but the Trust will also support work in the UK Overseas Territories. Projects of national significance from UK-registered charities with an income between £100,000 and £10m are prioritised.

### Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales

We offer two grant programmes, one for core costs and one for developing your charity. You can apply for either programme, but not both.

Enable grants are awarded to charities which have identified clear development needs and provide a great opportunity to strengthen charities to deliver more effectively.

### Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust

MSCT are pleased to announce a one-off grant scheme called the Arts and Environment Grant Fund targeting Community Arts and Environmental Projects. Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Strictly for capital, equipment, training and some elements of project delivery costs. (Salaries and overheads will not be entertained.)

### National Marine Aquarium

In 2019 trustees are specifically looking for UK based projects that link to VR & digital technologies and applications that strive to connect people with seagrass habitats around the world.

### The Naturesave Trust

The Naturesave Trust was set up in 1995 to promote the adoption of sustainable development. The Trust obtains 100% of its funds from the premiums generated by Naturesave Insurance.

**Grants are awarded to UK projects only. The principal areas of funding are: –**

- **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
- **Environmental Performance Reviews** – The Trust also funds independent reviews for commercial customers of Naturesave Insurance.

### Pembrokeshire – South Hook LNG Community Fund

The South Hook LNG Community Fund was established in 2015 in interreg partnership with the Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) to offer financial assistance with the costs of community projects, initiatives and volunteering throughout Pembrokeshire.

Deadlines for 2019 are 17 May, 19 July and 18 October.  
until 2043

- There are 2 application rounds each year, one closes in February and one in August.

### Community Programmes supported by the Players of the People’s Postcode Trust

- Postcode Local Trust supports green space improvements, increasing community access to outdoor space, renewable energy and flood prevention
- Postcode Community Trust focuses on improving community health and wellbeing, arts and physical recreation and reducing isolation.

Applicants can apply for grants between £500- £20,000 but can only apply for over £2,000 if they are a registered charity.

### Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation

It funds organisations in the UK that are working to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level, including work that addresses the pressures and conditions that contribute to global environmental breakdown.

### Port of Milford Haven Community Fund

The deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust

the promotion of the cultivation and wide distribution of plants which have value to humanity

### Tesco Bags of Help Grant

Three community projects in each local area will be voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout Wales, 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. Customers are given a token when they buy their shopping that they can use to make their choice using the voting units in store.

**Track 2000 - Community Resource Services Grant Legacy Fund** If you are a registered charity, community voluntary group, social enterprise and need vital grant support Track 2000 can help you achieve your organisations goals and aims in environmental improvements, training education for all and strengthening disadvantaged communities. Grants of £5,000 - £35,000 are available for to small charities in South Wales to cover revenue and capital costs.

### Waitrose Community Matters

The Community Matters scheme allows customers to cast their green token vote and a share of £1,000 (or £500 in convenience shops) is divided between 3 local causes in proportion to the customer vote.

Applications from national charities for this online scheme are welcome and need to be posted. Local charities can apply for support via individual stores.

### Waterloo Foundation

There are 2 deadlines for the Tropical Rainforest fund and 1 deadline for the Marine fund each year.

## **Central and Welsh Government Funding and European Funding**

### Active Inclusion

The next round of funding will be offered to our 'approved beneficiaries' in April 2019.

### Horizon 2020

including the SCoRE Cymru grant scheme

**Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme** – The LDT Communities Scheme is the successor to the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) in Wales. Projects will continue to benefit from any LCF support awarded before 31 March 2018. There is a two year transitional period (1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020) to enable LCF projects in Wales to be completed and for all

remaining LCF in Wales to be spent. The new scheme will support local community and environmental projects from any sector operating within a 5 mile radius of certain waste treatment and transfer stations or landfill sites. Grants of between £5,000 and £49,999 are available. **There will be a funding round late in April 2019 and another in the Autumn.** More details are available on the WCVA website [here](#) or by emailing [LDTgrants@wcva.org.uk](mailto:LDTgrants@wcva.org.uk)

### **Natural Capital Financial Facility (NCF)**

Halting the loss of biodiversity and adapting to climate change requires increasing investment in natural capital. To do so, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Commission have partnered to create the Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCF), a financial instrument that supports **projects** delivering on **biodiversity** and **climate adaptation** through tailored loans and investments, backed by an EU guarantee. At the same time projects financed through the NCF need to generate revenues or demonstrate cost savings.

**Call for projects:** The NCF has been extended and we now accept project proposals until the end of 2021!

Do you have a project that contributes to promoting the EU's biodiversity or uses a nature-based solution to adapt to climate change? Are you looking for financing? If so, we would like to hear from you! Please send us the [contact form](#) with your project details at [NCF\\_Instrument@eib.org](mailto:NCF_Instrument@eib.org).

### **Pembrokeshire – Little Green Grant**

Please check website for deadline details.

### **Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020**

almost £830 million

### **Sustainable Development Fund - Brecon Beacons National Park**

The Sustainable Development Fund has been allocated £200,000 for the current financial year and aims to support projects that will enhance sustainable development and improve quality of life for communities in the Park. Applications for funding to continue existing projects or to continue services where a transfer of public services has taken place are not eligible for support. Grants are usually below £10,000 and can cover up to 50% of project costs.

### **Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB - SDF Grant Scheme**

The Sustainability Development Fund provides grants for innovative, sustainable environment projects involving local communities in the AONB. The fund offers project grants...

**Gower Valley AONB - SDF Grant Scheme** Applications (up to £25,000) are assessed by a panel of local people, which meets four times a year. The scheme seeks to conserve and enhance the characteristics of culture, wildlife, landscape, land use and community, within Gower AONB.

Please contact Mike Scott, AONB Officer  
([mike.scott2@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:mike.scott2@swansea.gov.uk)) for details of the grant scheme.

### **Llyn AONB - SDF Grant Scheme**

The Sustainable Development Fund provides grant aid for innovative environmental, economic and community projects that develop and test new ways of achieving a more sustainable way of life within the AONB.

### **Pembrokeshire Coast National Park- SDF Grant Scheme**

The Fund is open to organisations, including community groups, as well as individuals and businesses.

### **Wye Valley AONB - SDF Grant Scheme**

### **Welsh Government - Wales for Africa Grant Scheme**

The Scheme will enable community groups and organisations throughout Wales to access funding for Wales-Africa projects. **Funding will be allocated under four thematic areas: health, sustainable livelihoods, lifelong learning, and climate change and the environment.** There will be a funding round announced shortly for grants between £5,000 - £15,000. More details are available on the WCVA website [here](#) or by emailing [walesafricagrants@wcva.org.uk](mailto:walesafricagrants@wcva.org.uk)

### **The National Lottery Community Fund**

**The National Lottery Community Fund: [Awards for All Wales](#)**

### **The National Lottery Community Fund: People and Places**

Funding is split into two strands, medium grants (£10,001 to £100,000) and large grants (£100,001 to £500,000).

### **The National Lottery Community Fund: Rural Programme (round two)**

The Rural Programme (round two) is for projects that will make a positive impact on the lives of people and communities living in poverty in rural Wales. This programme will fund partnerships that understand the connection between the causes and effects of poverty and propose solutions and services which use a joined-up approach to tackle the problem at its core.

### **Heritage Lottery Fund**

At the start of February it will publish a new Strategic Funding Framework for 2019-2024 and open its new funding portfolio. This will include grants up

to £5 million, with proportionate processes and requirements at different levels of grant.

### **B&Q**

B&Q also works with Community Repaint, a network of schemes that collects any surplus, re-usable paint and redistributes it within their communities to individuals and families on low income, charities and community groups.

### **Carbon Trust Green Business Fund**

Small and medium sized organisations can benefit from fully funded support and advice to save money on their energy bills and become more energy efficient. Hundreds of organisations have already achieved substantial energy and cost savings through the advice, training and support provided by the Carbon Trust. Carbon Trust experts will provide energy assessments to identify energy saving opportunities at no cost to businesses and assist with finding reputable suppliers for projects. Organisations can also benefit from free energy efficiency support and training at the Green Business Fund workshops, which are held across the country, and via online webinars, guides and resources. See the website for details of upcoming free workshops and webinars and to register for an energy assessment and advice.

### **The Carbon Trust - Energy Efficiency Loan Fund**

The Carbon Trust **Energy Efficiency Loan Fund** offers finance for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for organisations based in Wales. Companies can borrow from £3,000 to £200,000 interest free and unsecured, with no set-up or administration fees. The loans are structured so that in most cases the monthly energy savings should exceed the monthly repayment amount. Check your **eligibility** or find out more on the **Energy Efficiency Loan Fund** webpage. Loans are available for a wide range of energy saving projects, including heating, cooling, lighting and solar PV, amongst many others. It only takes 15 minutes to apply and if successful, an application will be processed within 10 working days.

### **Coed Cymru**

Our aims are to improve the landscapes of Wales containing woodlands and trees. Our staff provide advice and support, access to innovation and grant aid. Contact us for information and support regarding any aspect of woodland creation, management and timber.

### **NCVO**

NCVO's KnowHowNonProfit website provides a wide range of resources and guides on funding and income generation including grants, digital fundraising, cultural

commissioning, trading and shops and social investment.

### [Social Farms & Gardens](#)

Social Farms & Gardens is the name of the new organisation created following the merger of the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens and Care Farming UK in April 2018. There is a wide range of online information and advice about starting and developing farming or gardening projects, including community farms and gardens, school farms, wildlife and roof gardens, community orchards, community-run allotments and community supported agriculture schemes. .

### [Community Land Advisory Service in Wales](#)

**CLAS Cymru aims to enable local people to access, own and improve green spaces in their area. The service provides community groups, local authorities and landowners with free access to support and advice on issues such as finding land, leases and planning permissions.**

### [WCVA - Environmental Volunteering Toolkit](#)

### [The Woodland Trust – Free Tree Planting Packs](#)

The Trust has a range of free tree packs to suit schools, youth groups and communities with two delivery periods per year, in March and November.