



The information provided in the Funding Update is only intended as a guide.
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Latest Funding and Sector News....

Code of practice for species control provisions in Wales

As a result of changes brought in by the **Infrastructure Act 2015** new species control provisions are now contained in the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**. These provisions have been introduced to ensure that, in certain circumstances, appropriate action can be taken against invasive non-native species. Welsh Ministers and NRW have new powers requiring owners to control invasive non-native species, or allow them to do so where an owner has refused to act or allow access. These may also apply to formerly resident native animals where they have been released unlawfully. The Welsh Government is consulting on a draft code of practice for Wales with a deadline of **5 April 2016**.

Consultation – Protect Important Sea Areas

NRW is currently consulting on proposals to create six new marine protected areas in Wales. The proposals include three new Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and three new extensions to existing Special Protection Areas (SPAs). If agreed, these areas will help safeguard the habitats of internationally important populations of harbour porpoise and a number of seabirds including Manx shearwater, red throated diver, puffins and terns. The consultation closes on **19 April 2016**.

Environet - New WCVA Support Service for Community Environmental Projects

WCVA has launched a new service for community action on the environment - Environet. Funded by the Welsh Government, and with staff in Cardiff and Rhyl, Environet Cymru offers a telephone and online help and information service open to any community group or third sector organisation wanting to start or develop an environmental project.

Environment (Wales) Bill to become law

The Environment (Wales) Bill, aimed at planning and managing Wales' natural resources in a more sustainable and joined-up way, has been passed by the National Assembly for Wales. When law, it will put in place a stronger approach to tackle climate change with at least an 80% emission reduction target by 2050. The Bill also includes provisions to improve waste management in Wales with powers to take action to achieve higher levels of recycling for business waste, food waste treatment and energy recovery.

Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens - 'Fill the Streets with Food'

More and more people are getting involved in public growing or would like to see our public spaces being used more productively as food forests, community gardens and mini-orchards. If you would

like to start transforming your local area or manage public spaces the following events may be for you.

- 18th March 2016, 09:30 - 15:30 Conwy

Llais y Goedwig – Community Woodland Events

Community Woodland National Gathering - Thurs 26 & Fri 27 May 2016

Hosted by Ffarm Moelyci's community woodland group near Bangor and in collaboration with LlyG's StarTree project's Wild Forest Product Fair, Llais y Goedwig presents the 2016 Community Woodland National Gathering providing a lively mix of practical demonstrations, thought provoking workshops, good food, good company and inspiring site visits.

What's New?

Amgen Environmental Body

This grant funding is open to organisations located within 10 miles of the Bryn Pica Landfill site, Aberdare. The fund welcomes applications for funding for community-based projects within the Cynon Valley which provide or maintain public amenities or parks; or which restore or repair buildings for religious worship or of architectural or historic interest. If you would like more information about this grant funding, please contact: alun@amgen-cymru.com

Bodfach Trust

The Bodfach Trust is a family trust based in Montgomeryshire, Mid-Wales. The trust makes grants to charities in Mid-Wales and the Welsh borders and is also often actively involved in their work. Grants of up to £500 are available for activities related to affordable housing, care for the elderly, helping young people, preservation of old buildings, and supporting green spaces and public parks. Applications are to be made by **30 September 2016**.

Bridgend Thriving Rural Communities Scheme

This scheme is funded by the EU's and Welsh Government and offers a brand new source of support for like-minded community groups or those operating within key sectors in rural Bridgend to collaborate on innovative approaches to meeting current needs.

Support is available for projects that will bring positive change to the economic wellbeing and quality of life for those living, working and visiting in the area.

Grants ranging from £1,000 to £100,000 are available to support innovations to help improve and regenerate the rural communities of Bridgend County Borough.

Applications are now open. Applications from consortiums are welcomed in particular, from groups of organisations or community groups wishing to collaborate.

European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

The EMFF is an ESI fund which aims to promote competitive, environmentally sustainable, economically viable and socially responsible fisheries and aquaculture. The broad objectives of the fund are to contribute to sustainable and competitive fisheries and aquaculture, to a consistent framework for the Integrated Maritime Policy and to a balanced and inclusive territorial development of fisheries and aquaculture areas. Financial allocation for UK is €243.1 million (roughly £188.7 million) and deadlines for current calls are April 2016.

Call routes available:

- Thematic Routes on Underwater Cultural Heritage (budget €195,000, closing date **15 March 2016**)
- ICT interoperability improvements in Member States to enhance information sharing for maritime surveillance (maximum grant award €400,000, Closing date **31 March 2016**)
- Call for Projects on Maritime Spatial Planning (budget €6 million, closing date **31 March 2016**)

Greggs Foundation

Greggs the bakers has set up a grants scheme used from the proceeds of the 5p levy on carrier bags. This environmentally focused grants scheme aims to make a difference to people in need at the heart of their local communities, by improving the environment in which they live. Small grants of up to £2,500 are available as well as larger grants of up to £10,000. This programme is a pilot and the outcomes will be reviewed at the end of six months to ensure the programme achieves the desired level of impact.

Gwynt y Môr Community Fund

This community fund is available to coastal communities in Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire. Gwynt y Môr is the world's second largest operating offshore windfarm and is a £2bn partnership between RWE Innogy, Stadtwerke Munchen GmbH and Siemens.

The fund is administered by a consortium of county voluntary councils led by CVSC.

The fund is now open for small applications up to £10,000 and for grants over £10,000. It will be able to fund both capital and revenue projects that focus on the three themes of the fund:

- Building strong, cohesive and sustainable communities
- Developing prosperous, enterprising communities with strong economic growth
- Reducing poverty and inequality in communities

Charities, Trusts and Foundations

Alan Evans Memorial Trust

The Alan Evans Memorial Trust offers small grants to charitable organisations active in the UK. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees and previous grants awards have been for £1,000 and £1,500. The scheme aims to fund projects for the permanent preservation of areas of natural beauty or historic interest, including projects involving animal or plant life. Interested applicants may apply at any time. Application is via an application form available on request from the Trust. For further information email: aevans@withyking.co.uk

The Asda Foundation

The Foundation aims to transform communities, improving lives for people and communities in the UK both now and in the future through a range of Significant Community Projects, Chosen by You, Top-up Funding, Colleague Hardship and Partnerships funding streams. It is funded by an annual donation from Asda together with profits from Asda's Mid Week National Lottery. Each application is considered on its own merits.

Belsize Charitable Trust No 1

The Belsize Charitable Trust No 1 offers grants to charitable organisations working in the UK undertaking projects in conservation, heritage and the environment. Funding is available at the discretion of the Trustees with no maximum value. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. For more information call 01235 232 700.

Brecon Beacons Trust

The Trust is a charitable company established to enable local communities and voluntary organisations, living and operating within the area of the Brecon Beacons National Park, to positively conserve and enhance their local environments so as to contribute to the overall quality of life for people who live, work in or visit the Park. Applications for funding can be submitted from appropriately constituted voluntary, charitable and community groups at any time. Trustees meet every two months to consider applications received. The minimum grant amount is £500 to a maximum of £30,000 in any one year.

Charles Hayward Foundation

The Foundation awards grants to registered charities only. Large and small grants are available, depending on the level of income of the organisation applying, with a maximum grant amount of £50,000. Small grants are considered every two to three months on a rolling basis with a two-stage application process invited for large grants. Projects that are developmental or innovative are favoured. One of the Foundation's areas of interest is the purchase of land (or reclamation of recently purchased land) to be used for nature reserves.

Chestnut Fund

The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity that makes grants to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). The grants fall into two categories: Start-up grants of up to £150 for initial costs, such as insurance, and Support Grants of up to up to £350 towards tools or training. Applications can be made at any time and the Grants Committee meets every 6 weeks to try and give a prompt response.

Clothworkers' Foundation

The Clothworkers' Foundation was set up by The Clothworkers' Company in 1977. It is the independent charitable arm for the Company's charitable work. Since its establishment, the Trust has awarded grants totalling £100m. The Foundation aims to improve the lives of people and communities, particularly those that face disadvantage. Capital grants are awarded to charities that work in one of the specific programme areas and have an annual income of less than £15m. There are two funding streams, each with a cap on organisational income. The average grant amount is £7,000 - £25,000 and applications are accepted year round. An annual conservation fellowship and bursaries for qualified conservators are available to attend conferences and training events. The Foundation works directly with applicants. Emailed applications are no longer accepted.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust has been actively working in Wales since 1999, investing more than £16 million in community regeneration. Development officers work with the community to tackle the issues that most affect the prosperity, resilience and opportunities available. The Trust has established strong relationships with Government, local authorities, Community First Partnerships and a range of third sector organisations, networks and support services. The Coalfields Community Grants Programme in Wales can award grants from £500 up to £7,000 for projects that can be completed within 12 months and can identify positive measurable outcomes for people. Projects will need to meet one or more of 8 themes to be eligible for support from the scheme. Note! Competition for funding in Wales is high.

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust funds UK charities for advancement of the arts, health and environmental protection. The focus for 2015-18 is accessibility of the arts for young people, provision of art therapy to improve quality of life for the elderly and disabled, and protection and conservation of the countryside. The majority of grants are single grants over a one-year period of £500 - £5,000. From April 2015 all grant applications should be made online The Trustees usually consider applications in March, July and November. If you need a version of the application form in a more accessible format please email info@doilycartecharitabletrust.org

Dulverton Trust

Established in 1999, the Foundation now awards grants of over £2 million each year to charities and community groups on behalf of our donors within the following areas; educating and young people, communities, health, culture and environment. The Foundation's philanthropy advice and grant-making services are quality assured through a programme endorsed by the Charity Commission. The Foundation is able to award grants on behalf of donors from £500 to £150,000. Big Lottery Fund has set challenge funding, meaning the next £1 million of donations will be matched. The Dulverton Trust is keen to support the general conservation and protection of wildlife habitats in Wales.

Ernest Cook Trust

The Trust offers a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people. Work which encourages or ensures the continuation of rural skills and crafts is of particular interest to the Trustees. Note! All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications. Grants are available for up to £4,000 (small) and over £4,000 (large) and operate throughout the year.

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is a major grant giver. Its main grants programme seeks to fund, among other things, projects with a particular focus on the natural environment. The funding priorities for the natural environment are: Connecting people with nature; Large-scale conservation of natural environments on land and at sea; countering the effects of damaging human activities and increasing understanding of lesser known plants, animals and organisms. Grants support organisations' 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). In 2014 £36m was spent in grants and £6m committed in social investments to 343 organisations doing charitable work in the UK across the arts, young people, environment and social change sectors. 2014 grants ranged from £6k to £1.25m (median average of £90,000), with support lasting 1 - 5 years (47% 3 years). There are no deadlines or restrictions on re-applying.

February Foundation

The February Foundation awards grants to selected charitable causes. A number of areas are funded, including 'charities which protect the environment'. The average grant amount is £5k for core or capital costs. The Foundation is focussed on managing its current commitments, although applications from some charities are still being accepted. There is no application deadline as trustees make grant decisions on a monthly basis, however, applicants should not re-apply for at least 12 months. Email applications should be sent to rps@thefebbruaryfoundation.org Trustees' decision takes 12 weeks.

Field Studies Council – Kids Fund

The fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by helping them to attend a course at a Field Studies Council centre by paying up to 80% of fees. There are three funding rounds each year which close on **1st March, 1st June and 1st November** - you may apply at any time and your application will be held until the next decision round.

Finnis Scott Foundation

The Trustees of the Foundation can make grants for any charitable purpose, but their present policy is to focus grant-making in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as art and art history. Grants generally range from £500 - £10,000. British applicants who apply to Longwood Gardens and who are accepted into one of its international programmes may apply to the Finnis Scott Foundation for financial assistance with travel expenses to and from the United States. For an application form, email administrator@finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk

Ford Britain Trust

Ford Britain Trust is committed to supporting the communities near to its car production plants. For Wales this means the area in 'close proximity' to the facility in Bridgend. The Trust pays special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, disabled people and youth activities.

- Small grants: £250, available four times a year (March, June, September & November).
- Large grants: £250 - £3,000, considered twice a year

Four Winds Trust

The Four Winds Trust Grant is available to voluntary organisations undertaking countryside conservation projects in the UK. Various activities are supported, including the preservation of the

open country and rural amenities. Funding is at the discretion of Trustees, but previous grants awarded range from £500 to £1,500. Applications should be made in writing and the next **deadline is 1st June 2016**. For further information please contact: fourwindstrust@hotmail.co.uk

Foyle Foundation

The Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that awards grants to UK community charities across a wide range of activities; since 2001 it has distributed £63.2M. Following a strategic review, the Foundation merged with its sister charity The Batty Charitable Trust in 2009 and revised its objectives. The Foundation now supports charities in three main areas: Main Grants Scheme (Arts and Learning), The Foyle School Library Scheme and Small Grants Scheme. The Small Grants Scheme offers grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to charities which can demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work. Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. There are no deadlines for submission and applications can be received at all times but it may take up to four months to obtain a decision from Trustees as competition for funding is intense.

Freshfield Foundation

The Freshfield Foundation provides grants to voluntary and community organisations in the UK undertaking projects in the areas of sustainable development, climate change mitigation and overseas disaster relief. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees, but previous grants have been for up to £500,000. Contact the Freshfield Foundation for further information: paul.k@bwm.co.uk

Frognal Trust

The Frognal Trust offers grants to charitable organisations active in the UK carrying out social welfare, environmental or community activities. The grant is intended to support small registered charities that work in areas including culture and heritage, conservation projects, community services, parks, hospices and nursing homes and ophthalmological research. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Interested applicants may apply at any time.

Gannett Foundation

The Gannett Foundation provides funding to support local organisations in the area where Newsquest operates in the UK. This is mostly in South Wales, and in particular – Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and The Vale of Glamorgan. Applicants should, however, check their geographical eligibility in advance. The Foundation supports projects which take a creative approach to fundamental issues such as: education and neighbourhood improvements, economic development, youth development, local problem solving, assisting disadvantaged or disabled people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. Typically grants are between £5,000 and £10,000.

GD Charitable Trust

The Trust prioritises its grant making in a number of charitable areas including the preservation of the environment. It is not a large fund and past grants have ranged significantly in scale. Note! There is no website. Further details are available from G D Charitable Trust, 50 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BL. Tel 020 7227 7000.

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation is a large UK based general grant-giving charity; their one-off grant awards totalled over £58 million in the last year. Trustees are especially keen to see applications for core and project costs from charities delivering services directly to beneficiaries: especially in the welfare, youth and community fields, and also in regions of economic disadvantage. There are no set grant amount parameters. For main grants (under £100,000) there is a one stage application process with an open call. For major grants (over £100,000) there is a more detailed process, beginning with an initial proposal letter being submitted.

Grimple's Green Grants Scheme

Grimple's Green Grants was launched in August 2010 by the Green Insurance Company to encourage 'green behaviour'. The grant scheme has awarded over £50,000 to environmental community groups and affiliation with environmentally aware charities has raised over £250,000 for the RSPB, Marine Conservation Society and Royal Zoological Society. Apply for monthly Green Grants online by filling in the application form or using the Facebook page. Successful projects must be completed or occur within 12 months of receiving funding.

HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust

The HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust offers support to registered charities that are concerned with the preservation of wildlife and the environment. The Trust has two main funds: the General Fund: (£100 - £1,000) which supports general charitable activities across a range of issues and the Martin Wills Fund: (£2,000 and £25,000) which supports activities pertaining to environmental and wildlife issues. The General Fund seeks to support smaller charities which may benefit more from support. Exceptionally grants of £50,000 have been made. Grants may be made towards revenue, capital or project expenditure. Grants are made on a rolling basis and so there are no deadlines for applications.

Idlewild Trust

The Trust awards grants to registered charities concerned with the encouragement of excellence in the performing and fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance. Occasional support is given for conservation of the natural environment. Grants are in the region of £1,000 to £2,000. The next deadline is **8th September 2016** (Trustees' meeting November 2016).

Imagine Foundation

IF is a grant-making foundation which aims to support charities and projects that are particularly focused on building communities and empowering participants to reach their potential. Because of the relational approach that the Trust takes in building its partnerships, it actively seeks projects to support, using their network of contacts. However, if a project is a strong fit with the Trust's primary objectives then uninvited applications will be considered. No minimum or maximum level of grant is specified. Applications can be submitted by email in March, June or October.

Inland Waterways Association

IWA makes grants from its Restoration Grants Fund to organisations promoting the restoration of navigable or formerly navigable inland waterways in England and Wales. Applications from bodies promoting new navigable waterway routes will also be considered. Grants of up to £3,000 are usually the norm, although grants of up to £15,000 are available and even larger grants may be made by the IWA in exceptional cases. IWA does not normally award grants of 100% of the project cost or provide retrospective grants. Apply using the downloadable form and submit electronically.

The JJ Charitable Trust

The JJ Charitable Trust Grant is provided and administered by the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and is available for voluntary and community organisations active in the UK. The scheme is intended to support projects to improve literacy and the environment, both in the UK and abroad. In particular, the scheme wishes to support projects with the following themes: Social and cultural change towards more sustainable lifestyles – creative approaches that visualise a sustainable future in positive ways; Innovative enterprise and economic models that support sustainable lifestyles and the role of the media in communicating about sustainability; Environment projects overseas, especially community-based agriculture initiatives, which aim to help people help themselves in an environmentally sustainable way.

Jephcott Charitable Trust

The Trust awards grants to registered charities and constituted groups in the UK. Grants are available to help set up organisations or make a significant step forward for projects that will make a difference under one of the Trust's four main priorities, which include the environment. Grants of

between £2,000 and £10,000 are available and in exceptional cases, up to £20,000, towards project costs. This is a rolling programme and so applications can be made at any time. Trustees meet in April and October to consider applications.

John Ellerman Foundation

The Foundation awards grants in three categories - Arts, Environment and Welfare. Environmental grants will cover 25% of costs. The Foundation's aim is to contribute to greater harmony between people and the planet. Environmental priorities include managing habitats and protecting the seas. The Trust will also consider applications for work in the UK Overseas Territories. The application process is in two stages: stage one requires a brief description of your organisation, financial summary and funding needs, if you are invited to stage two a full application will be requested.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

The Trust is deeply concerned about climate change and its effects, and believes that addressing this issue will require long-term political, economic and social change. Within this area of interest, the Trust makes grants to a range of organisations and to individuals. The overall focus is on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives through support for projects that; explore 'better economics', address 'consumerism' and support marginalised groups and young activists to have a 'voice'. JRCT usually makes around 100-120 grants per year, with a total value of around £6m, giving a nominal average grant of £50,000. The Trust only accepts applications submitted online and the next deadlines are:

21 March 2016 (Decision 11 July 2016)

15 August 2016 (Decision 28 November 2016)

Lloyds Bank Foundation

The Foundation (formerly the Lloyds TSB Foundation) funds local, regional and national charities working to support people experiencing multiple disadvantages to make positive and lasting changes at critical points in their lives. There are 2 programmes. Invest offers long term funding of core or delivery costs with grants of £10,000 to £25,000 per year for 2 to 6 years. Enable offers grants for specific organisational development with grants of up to £15,000 are available for 1 to 2 years.

Lord Barnby's Foundation

The Foundation offers grants of £1,000 to £5,000 to charitable organisations and religious establishments for general charitable purposes, the advancement of health or saving of lives, disability, the prevention or relief of poverty, animals, environment, conservation and heritage. Applications for support can be made at any time and should be made in writing to the Trust, along with a brief description of the organisation and anticipated project and a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts. For further details please write to PO Box 71, Plymstock, Plymouth, Devon PL8 2YP

The Lush Charity Pot

The Lush Charity Pot is funded by the ethical cosmetics manufacturer Lush. 100% of the purchase price of a specially created product (less taxes) goes towards supporting humanitarian, environmental and animal rights causes in the UK and around the world. During the last financial year in the UK, over £898,000 was donated to small charities, campaigns and organisations working in the areas of environment, animal protection and human rights. The majority of funding is allocated to small, grassroots groups that are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources and often struggle to find funding. Support ranges from a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £10,000 per project. The average grant is around £4,000.

The Mercers' Charitable Foundation

The Charity's principal object is to make grants and donations for the benefit of a wide range of charitable purposes including welfare, education, the arts, heritage and religion. Wildlife/environment conservation falls under the heritage category and so applications will be considered for the protection and research of: UK endangered species; Flora and fauna and their habitat; Historic

gardens and open spaces; and Marine conservation. Applications within the Heritage category are considered from all parts of the UK.

Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust

The Trust encourages applications relating to recycling, developing green spaces, the development and promotion of green practices and the promotion of public transport schemes. The Trust issues funding related to the size of geographical area that an organisation has a remit to cover; currently there is an open round for regional funding (up to £7,500) closing **11th April 2016**.

National Marine Aquarium

Funding is provided by National Aquarium Limited which is the grant-giving arm of the National Marine Aquarium. The aim of this scheme is to support research, education and conservation projects which link people with the marine environment. Grants awarded so far have been in the region of £1,200 to £5,000 and it is likely that future awards will be for similar amounts. Conservation charities, community groups, schools, colleges and individuals are eligible to apply and there is no geographical restriction on where projects might be located, or where applications might come from. Consideration will be given to projects operating at every scale but priority will be given to local and national initiatives. Projects which target disadvantaged groups are encouraged and projects which demonstrate a novel approach are more likely to attract support. Application deadlines for this year: **27 April, 18 May and 28 September 2016**

The Oak Foundation

The Oak Foundation is a major international grant giving organisation. Since its establishment, the Foundation has made over 2,700 grants to not-for-profit organisations across the globe, disbursing £170.78M in grants in 2014. The Foundation commits its resources to address issues of global social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged.

The Oakdale Trust

The Oakdale Trust is a small family run foundation in Wales which distributes grants to a total value of £250,000 per annum. Grants range from £250 up to £2,000 with an average of approximately £750. Its areas of interest include Welsh based social and community projects and environment conservation projects based in Wales. Applications can be submitted using the on-line form or submitted by post or email. The trustees meet twice a year in April and October to consider applications and to award grants. The next meeting of trustees will be held in April 2016.

Patagonia Environmental Grants Program

Patagonia is a privately held American outdoor clothing and gear company that is based in the United States and operates internationally in a number of different countries, including the UK. It offers grants to non-profit grassroots environmental groups in the countries where it works. It is most interested in awarding grants to organisations that identify and work on the root causes of environmental problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. There are two funding rounds per year for grants of up to \$12,000 USD with deadlines at the end of April and August. It will not fund conferences or green building projects.

People's Health Trust – Active Communities Programme

The Active Communities Funding Programme aims to close the gap between those communities which experience the worst health and the majority of the population. The programme focuses on neighbourhoods most affected by health inequalities. It offers grant support of £5,000-£25,000 a year for up to two years to organisations that have been constituted and running for more than 3 months with an annual income of less than £350,000 a year, or an average of £350,000 over two years. The programme operates in a large number of the local society areas, in rotation and runs a 2-stage application process.

People's Postcode Trust

People's Postcode Trust provides short-term, designated funding for projects that focus on the prevention of poverty, support healthy living initiatives and uphold human rights for the most vulnerable. It will also consider projects which help different communities come together for the benefit of their local area. Previously funded projects include allotments, planting and bee-keeping. Registered charities can apply from £500 - £10,000 whilst other organisations may apply for up to £2,000. The application form will be available from **1 - 31 May 2016** and **1- 30 Sep 2016**. Applicants will hear back within 10 weeks of the closing date on the outcome of their application.

People's Trust for Endangered Species

The People's Trust for Endangered Species welcomes applications from voluntary conservation organisations for financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals. Acceptable fields of work for funding include scientific research, practical habitat management work, re-introduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. There are three different funding routes available: UK mammals grant, worldwide criteria and internship criteria. Average grants per project have been around £15,000. The next UK mammals grants application deadline will be October 2016 to be considered at a meeting on 29th November.

Peter de Haan Charitable Trust

The Trust awards grant funding to organisations that aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK in the following three areas: Social Welfare; The Environment; and The Arts. The Environment programme has 4 themes: peatland restoration; skills, development and training; advocacy; and technical support. Trustees are keen to support substantial projects of more than £50,000 per year. The next deadline is **30 November 2016**.

The Plunkett Foundation – Village Core Programme

The Plunkett Foundation provides dedicated support for predominantly rural communities looking to set up and run a range of community-owned co-operatives. It provides telephone support and has a network of advisers, mentors and specialists across the UK. It also produces a range of tools, resources and information available online to help communities, wherever they are based, through every step of the process. It sometimes has funding available for communities, too.

PoldenPuckham Charitable Foundation

The PoldenPuckham Charitable Foundation is a grant giving trust with Quaker family roots. 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 risk global environmental breakdown. The Foundation gives particular consideration to small pioneering headquarters organisations. Grants are usually between £5,000 and £15,000 per year, for up to three years and support organisations for which this would represent between 5% and 50% of their annual income. The Trustees usually meet twice a year in the spring and in the autumn.

The Santander Foundation

The Santander Foundation has two grants programmes to help disadvantaged people in the UK: Community Plus provides grants of up to £5,000. The scheme is open to small local UK charities or local projects of national charities with funding available to cover salaries, equipment or materials. Learn & Grow offers grants of up to £10,000 to fund activities which help disadvantaged people to improve skills, build confidence or employability. The process aims to be light-touch with no deadlines and monthly consideration of applications. **Charities in the flood hit areas of the UK are invited to apply for a Community Plus grant to help support recovery projects.**

Sea-Changers Grant Programme

Sea-Changers aim to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural marine environment and promote marine biodiversity. One off grants of up to £500 are available, and exceptionally up to £1,000, for marine conservation charities and organisations for projects based in the UK. Sea-Changers will allocate funding on a six monthly basis. Projects must take place within the UK and address one of the following areas: Marine reserves or protected marine

areas; Direct marine clean up action; Education, campaigning and awareness; Species protection and research. Innovative projects are favoured. The next deadline is **31 March 2016**.

The Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. The Trust wants to help smaller, community-led groups which are supporting people at the margins of society. The Trust doesn't have any specific funding programmes, preferring to allow the groups that they support to lead the agenda. It is more likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million although grants can be awarded to larger groups; particularly for work which could be influential or which a smaller organisation would not have the capacity to deliver. There is a two-stage application process.

The Wakeham Trust

The Wakeham Trust provides grants of up to £750 for community projects. It does not favour any particular activity, but instead prefer to fund small projects which are unable to obtain funds elsewhere. Applicants must be a registered charity, or work with a charity which is able to accept funds on the behalf of the applicant.

Waterloo Foundation

This independent grant-making Foundation is most interested in projects that help globally, particularly in the areas of the disparity of opportunities and wealth and the unsustainable use of the world's natural resources. Through their Environment fund, the Foundation wants to support projects which can help mitigate the damaging effects that humans are having on the environment and contribute to a positive change both now and in the future. The fund has two main themes:

- Marine – support for projects working to halt declining fish stocks;
- Tropical Rainforests – support for projects protecting tropical rainforest, principally through avoided deforestation. There are 2 deadlines per theme each year. One-off or multi-year grant can be awarded, the majority of which will be for a **total** of £50,000 - £100,000.

Waitrose Community Matters

This scheme gives each branch £1,000 (or £500 in convenience shops) to share out between three local good causes each month – such as welfare organisations, community groups, schools or local divisions of national charities. Since its launch in 2008, the scheme has donated £14 million to local charities. Under the scheme, customers nominate organisations, with the final decision made by PartnerVoice forums (Waitrose's local democratic bodies). Waitrose.com also shares a donation of £25,000 between 3 national causes.

WCVA Social Investment Loan Finance

Loans of £1,000 to £250,000 are available for suitably incorporated social businesses and charities that can demonstrate their ability to repay. There are few restrictions on how funds can be used but typically loans are for asset purchase, including community energy, or the establishment/expansion of income generating activities.

We Love Yew Heritage Interpretation Fund

We Love Yew offers small grants of £150 to help communities to articulate and celebrate their yew tree heritage in projects that can be completed by June 2016. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Wilkinsons – Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a community initiative from the high street trader Wilkinsons, where each local store has a budget to distribute to projects and schemes within the store's local community. Application forms are available from your local store and requests are reviewed on a monthly basis.

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation is an independent grant making foundation. Small grants of £250 – £2,000 are available under four categories, one of which is 'Environmental

Conservation/Preservation/Protection/Improvement. Registered charities and educational institutions are eligible to apply. The next deadline is **2 March 2016**.

The Woodward Trust

The Woodward Trust favours small-scale, locally based initiatives. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding for core costs. The Trust's grant-making focuses on a number of areas including environmental projects, especially with a strong educational element. The grants fall into three categories: Small grants - £100-£5,000 (around 100 grants made per year), Large grants - over £5,000 (around 5 grants are made per year to charities known to the Trustees) and Children's summer playscheme grants £500-£1,000 (about 50-70 grants made per year). Prospective applicants should be aware that less than 15% of the applications received are successful. The Trust will not fund bodies with an annual income of more than £300,000.

Central Government and European Funding

Active Inclusion

Active Inclusion is an ESF funded project run by WCVA on behalf of WEFO. The project aims to tackle poverty and social exclusion in Wales by providing grant funding of up to £400,000 for projects that assist economically inactive and long term unemployed people in gaining workplace skills and qualifications through paid placements and vocational activities. Organisations can apply online through etenderwales to become an approved beneficiary of the Active Inclusion fund: once successful they will then be invited to apply for grant rounds and will also be informed of funding opportunities available to organisations in Wales.

Aggregates Levy Fund for Wales

The Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales provides funding for capital projects in communities significantly affected by current aggregate extraction (quarrying). For the purposes of the Fund aggregate is defined as hard rock, sand, shale and gravel. For more information contact the Welsh Government: Planning Directorate, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ or telephone 029 2082 3261 or email planning.directorate@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Cadw Grants

Cadw offers grants to owners and others as a contribution towards the costs of repairing and restoring historic assets (usually no more than 30% of eligible works). Priority is given to projects which will stimulate regeneration opportunities or to assets at risk. Grants are available for the repair and restoration of historic buildings which have particularly important architectural or historic interest and for works to scheduled ancient monuments. There are grants of up to £5,000 to match fund local community heritage projects and funding to local authorities to contribute towards area schemes which encourage regeneration through the conservation of historic buildings. Cadw often works in partnership with other funders to ensure the protection of the historic environment of Wales.

Community Facilities Programme

The Community Facilities Programme is a Wales-wide capital grant fund that replaced the former Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP) in 2014. It offers grants of up to £500,000 to provide or improve community facilities which in turn provide vital community services to prevent or tackle poverty and its effects. Applications must be community-led and developed in partnership with community, public and private sector partners. The co-location of organisations providing a range of services to aid community sustainability is encouraged. Please email your completed expressions of interest to: communityfacilitiesproghelp@wales.gsi.gov.uk Applications can be submitted at anytime.

Glastir Woodland Grants

Glastir is the sustainable land management scheme for Wales funded through the Rural Development Plan (2014-20). Welsh Government offers financial support to farmers and land managers through two scheme branches:

Glastir Woodland Creation – there are three grants available; Establishment payments (new woodland), Fencing payment (upgrades to protect new trees from livestock) and Income foregone payments (claimed annually).

Glastir Woodland Management - offers grants to manage existing woodlands that are 0.5ha or more in a single block.

Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the EU's new programme for research and innovation and will run from 2014-2020. There are various single-stage and 2-stage calls currently open. Welsh Government provides an advice and support service to Welsh organisations looking for funding from the EU. For further information contact the Horizon 2020 unit: Horizon2020@Wales.gsi.gov.uk

Horizon 2020 - Societal Challenges - Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials

The objective of the Societal Challenge 'Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials' is to achieve a resource – and water – efficient and climate change resilient economy and society, the protection and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems, and a sustainable supply and use of raw materials, in order to meet the needs of a growing global population within the sustainable limits of the planet's natural resources and eco-systems.

Greening the Economy

This Call has an overall objective of taking a systemic approach to moving towards a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy, and addresses the priority areas of climate services, moving towards a low-carbon Europe, nature-based solutions for territorial resilience, water, raw materials, Earth observation and cultural heritage for sustainable growth. 18 calls are currently open with a deadline of **8 March 2016** on areas including climate services market research; Pathways to decarbonisation; and operationalising insurance values of ecosystems. (The next round of calls will have deadlines for September 2016).

Smart and Sustainable Cities Call

The Smart and Sustainable Cities funds are mostly divided into single-stage or two-stage calls. There are many calls available covering a wide range of topics including lighthouse projects and sustainable urbanization through new governance, business, financing models and economic impact assessment tools for sustainable cities with nature-based solutions. The current calls have deadlines between March - April 2016.

Landfill Communities Funds

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) – formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme is an innovative scheme that enables operators of landfill sites to contribute money to enrolled Environmental Bodies (EBs) to carry out projects that meet the objects contained in the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996. ENTRUST regulates the LCF on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs. Organisations wishing to apply for funding through the scheme should approach a LCF funder, details of which can be found on the [ENTRUST](http://www.entrust.gov.uk) website. There are six main areas of work that can be undertaken when utilising LCF monies, these are called the 'objects'. The relevant objects are as follows:

- The remediation or restoration of land which cannot now be used because of a ceased activity that used to take place there.
- The reduction, prevention or mitigation of effects of pollution that has resulted, or may result, from an activity which has now ceased.

- The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity.
- The conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs.
- The repair, maintenance or restoration of a place of worship or a place of architectural importance.
- Administrative services to another enrolled EB.

Funding can range from £500 - £500,000. Responsibility for the new Welsh Landfill Tax will be transferred to the Government on 1 April 2018. This impacts on the LCF in Wales which will also cease after 31 March 2018. For more information about the LCF in Wales and any announcements about the successor to the LCF in Wales please visit the ENTRUST website. The following funds provide money through the LCF.

Biffa Award

Biffa Award currently offers Small Grants between £250 and £10,000 and Main Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 for community projects within a certain radius of a Biffa operation working towards one of the following themes: Rebuilding Biodiversity, Community Buildings, Cultural Facilities or Recreation. The application process is via an electronic system within the Biffa Award website.

Cory Environmental Trust Britain

The Trustees of the CETB are inviting applications for projects that will have as big an impact on the communities within ten miles of one of its landfill sites as possible. Applications must fall within the regulations of the Landfill Communities Fund. Projects may include maintaining a local amenity or protecting the local environment and its biodiversity. More guidance about the types of projects that can be funded (up to £50,000) can be found at the CETB website along with the downloadable application form and guidance. The deadlines for applications in 2016 are **1 April, 19 August and 9 December**.

Veolia Environmental Trust

The Veolia Environmental Trust provides support and funding through the Landfill Communities Fund to projects across the UK. Since 1997 Veolia has awarded £63 million to 1,951 projects. The Trust seeks to support the following kinds of projects; community buildings, parks and paths, play and recreation facilities, nature reserves and projects that support biodiversity. Applicants will need to check their geographical & other eligibility criteria before applying. The last Board meeting (7 December 2015) saw a success rate of 26% for compliant projects. Next application deadlines: **26 May 2016** (decision 12 September 2016).

WREN FCC Community Action Fund

The FCC Community Action Fund is administered by WREN and can fund a wide range of projects under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund - The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity. WREN defines a public amenity as something that a community can access and use for leisure or recreation purposes. Funding of between £2,000 and £50,000 is available. Projects must be located within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in WREN's operating areas across England and Wales and be available to the general public. Community organisations, voluntary groups, charities, and other not-for-profit organisations and groups can apply as long as they have a formal constitution and bank account. Local authorities can also apply. Next application deadlines: **8 June 2016** (decision October 2016) and **28 September 2016**.

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme makes grants towards the VAT incurred in making repairs and carrying out alterations to listed buildings mainly used for public worship (minimum value of eligible work £1000). The scheme has a fixed annual budget which is advertised on the LPW Grant

Scheme website each year. The funding for the scheme has been confirmed **until March 2020**. Applications can be completed online or by post.

Plug-in Van Grant Scheme

This Central Government initiative enables motorists purchasing a qualifying ultra-low emission van to receive a grant of 20% towards the cost of the vehicle, up to a maximum of £8,000. The plug-in van grant has been designed to help make the whole-life costs of a qualifying van more comparable with petrol or diesel equivalents. Both private consumers and businesses can benefit from the plug-in van grant.

Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

The Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 is a 7 year European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) programme funded by the European Union and Welsh Government. It aims to improve resilience and promote transformational change in agriculture, forestry and rural communities. The fund will bring almost £1 billion to rural Wales and will support activities to improve competitiveness in the agriculture and forestry sector; safeguard and enhance the rural environment; and foster competitive and sustainable rural businesses and thriving rural communities. The 4 schemes currently running under this programme are listed below. With some restrictions, schemes are open to a wide range of applicants from all sectors.

Rural Community Development Fund

Primarily aimed at LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) and other community-based organisations for investment funding across a wide range of interventions designed to prevent and mitigate against poverty in rural communities, improving conditions which can lead to future jobs and growth. This includes support for small scale infrastructure (including for renewable energy) and improvement or expansion of local basic services and/or public amenities. **Deadline is 23 May 2016**

Food Business Investment Scheme

This scheme is designed to help primary producers of agricultural products in Wales to add value to their product by providing support to those businesses that do first and/or second stage processing activities. It is also designed to improve performance and competitiveness; response to consumer demand; diversification and identification of new emerging and existing markets. It is open to sole traders, third sector and private sector producers including businesses starting up. There are expected to be six windows per calendar year, each open for two calendar months. Applications open 29 February 2016 (**deadline 25 April 2016**).

Sustainable Production Grant Scheme

This scheme is designed to help farmers in Wales to improve the economic and environmental performance of their agricultural holdings. Grants can be used to invest in facilities and equipment that relate to the following five investment themes of animal health and welfare, crop storage, production, housing and handling renewable energy production and soil and crop management. Applications open 29 February 2016 (**deadline 25 April 2016**).

Co-operation and Supply Chain Development Scheme

This scheme is designed to support co-operation activities across the agriculture, food and forestry sectors including development of new products, practices, processes and technologies. The scheme will also support small businesses working together to share production facilities and resources; co-operation to support development of short supply chains and local markets; pilot projects where the information is made publicly available and widely disseminated. Applications open 14 March 2016 (**deadline 9 May 2016**).

Snowdonia National Park Authority - Small Community Projects Fund (CAE)

CAE is a Sustainable Development Fund of £200,000 pa, administered by Snowdonia National Park Authority on behalf of the Welsh Government. The fund supports projects that will improve the quality of life in the National Park. There are no restrictions on who can apply for funding; however individuals or individual businesses can only be beneficiaries where the project shows clear benefit to the wider community. Two grant schemes are available: small grants below £1,000 and larger grants over £1,000.

Sport Wales Grants

Sport Wales is the national organisation responsible for developing and promoting sport and physical activity in Wales. The organisation is the main adviser on sporting matters to the Welsh Government and is responsible for distributing National Lottery funds to both elite and grassroots sport in Wales. Sport Wales offers a range of grants that are geared to helping improve sport within communities; including the Community Chest (up to £1,500 over a year) and Development Grants (£1,501 - £25,000) for developing new training facilities, purchasing equipment, coach training, land purchase etc.

Young Entrants Support Scheme (YESS)

This Scheme provides assistance to facilitate the establishment of young farmers (under 40) who are setting-up as head of the holding for the first time. The Young Entrants Business Enabler Service is a first point of contact for young people who are interested in the scheme or wish to access advice and guidance on opportunities available to them in the agricultural sector in Wales.

(Please note that the application window for YESS 2015-16 is now closed).

Lottery Funding

National Lottery

National Lottery money is given out by 12 independent organisations, each with specialist knowledge of their sectors to support the Lottery Good Causes. These are the arts, charities and voluntary groups, heritage, health, education, the environment and sports.

BIG Lottery Fund

Big Lottery Fund (BIG) is the largest of all the Lottery funding distributors and is responsible for distributing 40 per cent of the Lottery good causes money. BIG supports community groups and projects that improve health, education and the environment. In Wales there are a range of programmes, the most relevant of which are described below.

Awards for All (Wales)

Awards for All provides a quick and easy way to get small National Lottery grants of between £500 and £5,000 for projects which aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. It is open to community groups, not for profit groups, Community or Town Councils, Health bodies and schools. The programme encourages a wide-range of community, health, educational and environmental projects that enable and extend access to community activity, increase skills and creativity or generally improve the quality of life of people in their area. Applications can be made at any time.

Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage through innovative investment in projects with a lasting impact on people and places. **It is keen to encourage more fundable projects from the natural heritage sector and the Catalyst Cymru support service can provide advice and assistance in accessing HLF grants.** HLF awards a range of grants from £3,000 upwards via the following programmes. Each programme has different criteria, application processes and deadlines.

Start Up Grants

(£3,000 - £10,000) Aimed at helping to create new organisations to look after heritage or engage people with it or to support existing groups taking on new responsibilities for heritage. Applications may be made at any time.

Sharing Heritage

(£3,000 to £10,000) Grant designed to explore community heritage through activities such as recording memories to conserving wildlife. The programme is described as straightforward, with a short application form and a quick decision.

Young Roots

(£10,000 to £50,000) This programme is for projects to help young people aged 11 to 25 to explore their heritage, from green spaces, museums, and historic sites to language, local memories and youth culture.

Transition Fund

(£10,000 to £100,000) Transition funding is available to UK organisations that want to achieve significant strategic change in order to become more resilient and sustain improved management of heritage for the long term. This can be through acquiring new skills or knowledge, or new models of governance, leadership, business and income-generation. To be eligible you must be an organisation, or an active partner in a collaborating group of organisations, that HLF is currently funding or has funded in the past.

Our Heritage

(£10,000 to £100,000) The programme is open to not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage and partnerships to protect and share all aspects of heritage ranging from personal memories and cultural traditions to archaeological sites, museum collections and rare wildlife. If individuals or for-profit organisations are involved, the public benefit from the project must be greater than any private gain.

Grants for Places of Worship (Wales)

(From £10,000 to £250,000) Funding is available for urgent, high level repair work to listed places of worship and as part of this will also fund improvements to facilities and work that helps more people get involved with these buildings. The scheme is managed separately in each of the four countries of the UK.

Townscape Heritage Initiative

(£100,000 to £2 million) The Townscape Heritage programme helps communities' regenerate deprived towns and cities across the UK by improving their built historic environment.

Landscape Partnerships

(£100,000 to £3 million) The Landscape Partnerships programme is for schemes led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the UK and get more people involved in understanding and looking after them for the long term.

Parks for People

(£100,000 to £5 million) Parks for People supports the regeneration of existing designed urban or rural public parks including conservation of their heritage; landscape, priority species, habitats and associated memories (e.g. veteran trees). This definition includes urban parks, country parks, gardens, squares and seaside promenade gardens. The fund also supports cemeteries and burial grounds.

Heritage Enterprise

£100,000 to £5 million) Heritage Enterprise can help communities repair derelict historic places, giving them productive new uses. By funding the repair costs and making these buildings commercially viable, the fund aims to breathe new life into vacant sites and to enable not-for-profit organisations to work with private partners to generate economic growth, and create jobs and opportunities in those places that need it most.

People and Places Programme

People and Places will fund prosiectau projects that enable people to work together for strong communities, social justice and better rural and urban environments in Wales. The aim is to empower local people to make their communities better places to live. Grants of between £5,000 and £1 million are available to voluntary, community or public sector organisations either working separately or together. Schools and community councils can also apply provided the project is additional to services that have been paid for by taxes. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Resources and support

The Arthur Rank Centre

The Arthur Rank Centre is committed to supporting rural churches and communities, and has set up the 'Computers for Rural People' scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people who are rurally isolated to enter the digital world. It also provides other resources described as useful to rural communities.

B&Q

Each B&Q store operates a community-reuse scheme through which local schools, other educational institutions and community groups can benefit from donations of unsellable products and materials for re-use.

Business in the Community

BITC's Employee Volunteering programme operates across Wales and offers a range of opportunities for businesses to effectively support employee development and engagement goals through volunteering in communities.

European Funding

EU investment of nearly £2 billion is available to Wales for 2014-2020 through European Structural Funds investment for the following regional programmes: West Wales and the Valleys - covers 15 local authority areas in North and West Wales and the Valleys East Wales - covers 7 local authority areas in East Wales Both programmes include the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF). ERDF funds help support research and innovation, the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, renewable energy and energy efficiency, and connectivity and urban development. The ESF funds are helping to tackle poverty through sustainable employment, increasing skills and youth employment. Potential sponsors are encouraged to discuss their project proposals as soon as possible with WEFO.

Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens

The FCFCG provides support to anyone who gets together with others in their neighbourhood to create and nurture a green space for the benefit of their community. There is a wide range of online information and advice useful for Welsh community growers. The FCFCG also manages the Community Land Advisory Service in Wales which aims to help community growing groups, landowners - plus others involved in land access - to work together to make more land available for community growing. Growing Together, a project designed to help community growing projects become more financially sustainable.

HIPPOWASTE Grants up for Grabs

The 'Grants up for Grabs' scheme awards free waste disposal help to applications from charities, community groups and organisations from across the UK that inspire respect for the environment or have a positive effect on the community.

Llais y Goedwig - the community woodland network for Wales

Llais y Goedwig is a 350 member strong grassroots network aiming to represent and support community woodland groups and practitioners across Wales. It provides a range of resources, contacts and case studies to support the creation and management of sustainable community woodlands along with an Enquiry Service where concerns and queries can be shared or answered by other network members.

NCVO

NCVO provides a guide to sustainable funding, case studies and an organisational [self-assessment tool](#). Its KnowHowNonProfit website also provides resources on other income generation opportunities including digital fundraising, cultural commissioning, trading and shops and social investment.

Resource Efficient Wales

Resource Efficient Wales is the Welsh Government's single point of access to provide community groups, charities, householders, businesses or public bodies with information across a range of resource efficiency topics. A bilingual helpline provides tailored information on saving energy and water, and reducing waste or disposing of it more efficiently. Calls are charged at local rate, even from a mobile phone and you may request a call-back which will be done within 2 working days. The helpline 0300 123 2020 is open 9am – 5pm.

Support to Find European Partners for Projects or Cooperation

WCVA is a member of the European Network of National Civil Society Organizations (ENNA), a network of national NGO networks from EU, Norway and Turkey, which has created the NGO Partnership e-database that helps NGOs to find partners around Europe either for a project partnership or general international cooperation.

Tesco Community Champions

Tesco has over 500 Champions primarily in its larger stores that can support local charities, groups and not-for-profit organisations to carry out various charity and fundraising activities within the store or their local community.

Third sector European Team (3-SET)

WCVA's 3-SET service is part funded by the European Structural & Investment Funds to support third sector organisations seeking to access European funding with information, advice, resources and training.

Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns is a Welsh Government funded community initiative, designed to help volunteer groups take charge of their local environment. It supports communities to make local areas a better, cleaner place to live e.g. by turning waste ground into a shared community space; creating and managing pollinator rich habitats, controlling invasive species, growing projects; or improving access to local facilities by restoring pathways. There is a Keep Wales Tidy project officer working in each local authority to help groups with starting up and building skills and capacity. The officers also help projects liaise with the local authority, as well as the police and environmental agencies.

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) operates the Third Sector Funding Portal, a 'one-stop shop' for funding advice and opportunities. The portal features [GRANTnet](#), a free basic online funding search that can help identify suitable funding opportunities for your activity or project. For heritage organisations there is also a programme of specialist fundraising support called Catalyst Cymru.