



Where should I look?

There are a wide range of funding sources to assist communities to develop or enhance facilities. This document has been prepared to offer our customers and potential customers relevant information in relation to where to look to gain the funding necessary to purchase and install products from our range.

What do we do first?

Once you have an idea, it is critical to ensure you have community and stakehold-er support for your project. You will need to contact a number of organisations to ensure your plan is viable and that there are no immediate issues which will prevent the project proceeding.

We recommend that you initially contact the Borough, District or City Council in which the site is located. Within most Authorities, there are now Officers who are responsible for securing funding for their Authority and these Offices often are able to support projects and organisations within their jurisdiction. This person is a very useful contact – they will be aware of the active funders in your area and will probably save you time and energy guiding you towards relevant contact sources.

Additionally, this Officer is likely to be aware of other projects which have been completed previously or other projects in the pipeline and they may be able to assist with the application process. They may also be able to assist by identifying relevant contacts for planning, police or other local issues.

Other organisations / persons who should be contacted are...

- the owner of the land,
- the local planning authority – to establish if planning permission will be required,
- local police, schools,
- Parish or Community Councils (if relevant),
- There may be others, the list above is a guide only.

List of potential funding sources and useful contacts...

The following list (pages 3-15) is not presented as a comprehensive list of funding sources. Organisations who will fund leisure and play facilities can be Regional or National and funds change in name, criteria and values – it is important that you understand the award criteria fully in advance of making any application.

Some of the funding sources listed are active only in specific parts of the UK. It is likely that there are similar funds active in your area. We suggest you contact your Local Authority to help identify which funds are active in your area.

Awards for All www.awardsforall.org.uk

Awards for All is a Lottery grants scheme funding small, local community-based projects in the UK. There are different schemes running for each country in the UK offering funding for projects that pro-mote education, the environment and health of the local community.

Funding available: £300 - £10,000 (up to £5,000 in Wales).

Biffaward www.biffaward.org

A multi million pound environment fund managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, which utilises landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Waste Services. Over 1,000 projects have been awarded funds for environmental and community projects across the UK and this funding has enabled the creation and upgrading of numerous children's play areas.

Funding available: £250 - £5,000 (small grants scheme). £5,000 - £50,000 (main grants scheme).



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Big Lottery Fund www.biglotteryfund.org

Reaching Communities

The aim of this award is to fund projects that can help meet BIG's aim of improving communities and the lives of people most in need. These projects must have input from local young people to be considered and must help improve rural and urban environments that communities are better able to access and enjoy or promote healthier and more active people and communities.

Funding available: £10,000 to £500,000.

BIG Innovation

BIG Innovation is about supporting new projects that test new ways of tackling emerging and existing social problems. This covers projects that create new kinds of activity and service to tackle new or emerging social needs, or that creates a new way of addressing a current social problem.

Funding available: £20,000 to £1m (opens early 2013).

Parks for People

The Parks for People programme is a joint initiative between the Big Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund. They believe that everyone should have access to a local park for enjoyment and recreation. The aim is to bring improvements to local environments by making a lasting impact on the lives of local people and the places where they live.

Funding available: £250,000 - £5m.

People and Places

The main aim of this funding is to bring people together to create real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. The project should be community led, encouraging local people to be confident and develop their skills by becoming more involved in their community. This programme is mainly focused on projects in Wales but other areas will be considered.

Funding available: £500 - £1m

Young Start

Young Start aims to create opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 years. It will consider projects that ensure children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional health by getting them involved in sport through the use of local sports facilities.

Funding available: £10,000 to £50,000.



Groundwork UK

www.groundwork.co.uk

Groundwork UK is a charitable organisation that receives funding from the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Welsh Assembly, as well as many local authorities across the country which it awards to projects for improving and creating green / open spaces for all ages to use for exercise, play or just enjoy being outdoors.

Funding available: various



Landfill Communities Fund

www.entrust.org

LCF is regulated by ENTRUST and do not fund any works. The most common way of receiving money through a LCF is to approach a Distributive Environmental Body (DEB). Most DEBs will require you to meet certain conditions about the way you will spend the landfill tax money they may give you. Each has their own policies and application forms. There is a list of all the DEBs, their funding policies and contact details that may fund in your area on the ENTRUST website.

Funding available: up to £25,000.



Fair Share (Lottery)

www.fairsharetrust.org

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund and controlled through Community Foundation Network, this programme is responsible for building stronger communities by unlocking the potential in areas that have not previously received their 'fair share' of Lottery funding. This funding covers 80 of the UK's most deprived neighbourhoods.

Funding available: £5,000 - £250,000.





WREN www.wren.org.uk

Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN) is a not-for-profit business that helps benefit the lives of people who live close to landfill sites by awarding grants for community, conservation and heritage projects.

Small Grants Scheme (SGS)

SGS is operated by WREN under the Landfill Communities Fund. Funds will be awarded to projects that are accessible to the general public, located within 10 miles of a Waste Recycling Group landfill site, Demonstrate value for money and need and have a total project cost of less than £50,000.

Funding available: £2,000 to £15,000.

Main Grants Scheme

This programme has the same criteria as the small grants scheme. The main intent for projects must be for the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park; or another public amenity.

Funding available: £15,001 to £75,000.

Sport England www.sportengland.org

Small Grants Programme

This programme uses Lottery funding to award not-for-profit organisations to help more young people (aged 14+) and adults take up/keep a sporting habit for life.

Funding available: £300 to £10,000.

Sportsmatch

Sportsmatch uses money from the government to encourage new sponsorship of grassroots community sport, again for not-for-profit organisations to help more young people (aged 14+) and adults take up/keep a sporting habit for life. Funding is awarded by matching sponsorship money with Sportmatch funding on a pound for pound basis. Minimum of £1,000 per sponsor and maximum of 5 sponsors per project.

Funding available: £1,000 to £100,000.

Inspired Facilities

This programme funds the refurbishment or upgrade of a sports facility. It particularly favours projects that can keep and ideally attract more people to sport, demonstrate that it is needed and wanted by the local community and explain how it will cover its running costs and remain open for sporting use for years to come.

Funding available: £20,000 to £50,000



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The Clore Duffield Foundation www.cloreduffield.org.uk

The majority of awards from this foundation is directed towards the cultural sector, and in particular to cultural learning and to museum, gallery, heritage, health and social care and performing arts learning spaces, with an emphasis on supporting children, young people and vulnerable individuals. The Foundation likes to maintain a balance between supporting large-scale projects, with far-reaching effects, and small-scale community projects. All grants are awarded at a meeting of the Trustees held twice a year.



Children in Need www.bbc.co.uk

Small Grants - BBC Children in Need funds not-for-profit organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people of 18 years and under. Funding is awarded to projects that focus firmly on children and young people experiencing disadvantage, living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Funding available: up to £10,000.

Main Grants – This programme has the same criteria as the small grants scheme. There is no upper limit but very few grants over £100,000 are awarded and most grants are for much less. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and there are four general grant deadlines each year: 15 January, 15 April, 15 July, 15 October.

Funding available: up to £100,000.



The Archer Trust

www.archertrust.org.uk

The Archer Trust is a UK Christian charitable grant-making trust that provides grants to small charities that support a defined group of needy or deserving people, for instance those with physical or mental disabilities or the disadvantaged. Preference is given to support organisations working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation. Funds are awarded twice a year, normally in March and September.

Funding available: £250 - £3,000.

John Laing Trust

www.laing.com

This trust has concentrated its support on charities which support 5 main themes, one of them being Community Regeneration. Donations range from £250 to £25,000 with up to 12 charities receiving more than £10,000. Usually, charities receive one-off donations.

Funding available: £250 to £25,000.



Henry Smith Charity www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

The Henry Smith Charity awards grants totaling approximately £25 million each year to up to 1,000 organisations and charities for projects that address social inequality and economic disadvantage. Priority is given to work with groups experiencing social and/or economic disadvantage, people with disabilities and work that tackles problems in areas of high deprivation.

Funding available: £10,000 +

Co-op Community Fund www.co-operative.coop

The Co-operative Membership Community Fund is a grants scheme which helps local communities throughout the UK. Projects must carry out positive work in the community, address a community issue and provide a good long-term benefit to the community.

Funding available: Up to £2,000



Bailey Thomas Charitable Fund www.baileythomas.org.uk

The Bailey Thomas Charitable Fund aids the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations. Funding is awarded to voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity, schools and Parent Teacher Associations. One of the areas funding covers is play schemes and play therapy schemes. Applications should be submitted no later than 1 May or 1 October each year.

Funding available: £250 +

Comic Relief Local Communities www.comicrelief.com

This programme is open to local community groups, resident associations, community centres, social enterprises, community interest companies and credit unions. The funding is for community projects and sports projects that enable local people to make lasting change in their communities. One of the aims is to support community groups who are using a range of activities, to increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation.

Funding available: £1,000 to £10,000.

SITA Trust Communities Programme www.sitatrust.org.uk

The SITA Trust Enhancing Communities Programme supports community and environmental improvement projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Funding will be awarded to not for profit organisations, community groups, parish councils, local authorities and charities for community improvement projects within three miles of qualifying waste processing sites owned by SITA UK. They support projects that make physical improvements to community leisure facilities including sport and recreation facilities, public parks, sports fields and facilities, public playgrounds and country parks.

Funding available: up to £10,000 (fast track fund – 6 rounds per year).



Foyle Foundation www.foylefoundation.org.uk

The small grants scheme is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level in any field across a wide range of activities. Funds are awarded to charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum.

Funding available: £1,000 to £10,000.

Garfield Weston Foundation www.garfieldweston.org

The Garfield Weston Foundation supports UK registered charities for a wide range of programmes that include Community and Youth projects. The Foundation will also consider applications from a limited number of exempt organisations - churches, educational establishments, hospitals and housing corporations. The trustees look favourably on organisations that have raised the majority of funding through local sources.

Funding available: no limit

The Ernest Cook Trust www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk

The Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications. Board of trustees meets twice a year, normally in April and October.

Funding available: £100 - £4,000.

Tesco Charity Community Awards www.tesco.com

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations. Funding goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around Tesco stores in the UK. There are two categories of Community Awards, children's welfare and/or children's education (including special needs schools) and elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities. There are two rounds of funding every year for each category.

Funding available: £500 - £4,000

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) is an independent regeneration organisation that was established in 1999 to improve the quality of life in Britain's coalfield communities. Their aim is to provide cost effective solutions that generate high social impacts in coalfield communities. Funds are awarded to a wide range projects including those that improve health and wellbeing and engage children and young people into positive activities.

Funding available: up to £5,000



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The Clothworkers Foundation www.clothworkers.co.uk

The Clothworkers' Foundation works with charities to help to improve the quality of life for people and communities facing disadvantage. They fund one off grants for a number of projects including gym equipment. The foundation operates two main programmes, main grants-decision within 6 months and small grants-decision within 8 weeks.

Funding available - £1,000 + (main grants) £500 - £10,000 (small grants)

Community Foundation Network www.communityfoundations.org.uk

Community foundations are charities located across the UK committed to positive social change through the development of "community philanthropy". This means involving people from all parts of the community to work together using financial and other resources available to them to improve the lives of others. There are 45 foundations across the country. The foundations manage funds, act as a link between donors and local needs, provide practical and financial leadership, offer support to small community groups and ensure donations are accurately targeted to achieve the greatest impact.

Funding available: approx. £70 million per year through local community groups and voluntary organisations

City Bridge Trust www.citybridgetrust.org.uk

City Bridge Trust is the grant-making arm of Bridge House Estates. The Trust's aim is to help areas of disadvantage by supporting charitable activity across Greater London. They fund one off grants to registered charities for projects benefiting the inhabitants of Greater London.

Funding available: £ no limits

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation www.esmefairbairne.org.uk

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life throughout the UK and is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. They fund charitable work of organisations with the ideas and ability to achieve positive change. They fund projects that cover many areas including arts, education and learning, the environment and social change. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis all year round.

Funding available: £5,000 +



Funding specifically for schools



Supergrounds

www.rbssupergrounds.com

Supergrounds has been developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland and NatWest in partnership with Learning Through Landscapes and Groundwork. Their aim is to transform school playgrounds into fun and stimulating places where children can learn and play in safety. Schools can not apply directly but have to be nominated by a RBS group employee between Jan – March each year. Winning schools will receive an awards package that includes cash, 4 day's project advisor, teaching resources and membership to Supergrounds Learning Network.

Funding available: £4,000

Ford Britain Trust

www.ford.co.uk

Ford Britain is committed to supporting the communities they work and live in. The trust pay special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to our UK locations. These are Essex, Bridgend, Daventry & Southampton areas. They fund registered charities, non fee paying/state schools & small clubs and societies.

Funding available: £250 - £5,000

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Playground Partnership Award www.playgroundpartnerships.org

The Playground Partnerships Awards is a programme of Kids First Trust, a national children's charity. Primary school pupils in the UK are invited to redesign their school playground with a chance to win funds to have their playground dreams made real.

Funding available: up to £10,000.

Active Colleges

The aim of this programme is to get more further education students taking part in sport regularly - for at least 30 minutes once a week, as well as reducing the number of young people dropping out of sport between 16 and 18. Split into 2 sections, the Further Education Activation Fund section funds projects that increase regular sports participation of students in colleges.

Funding available: £30,000 to £150,000.