

**Worcestershire Partnership Environment Group**  
**Directory of Environmental**  
**Funding Opportunities**



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Foreword

I am delighted to present this Directory of Environmental Funding Opportunities in Worcestershire. In recent years the need to find funding for projects has become very important and the sources of those funds are extremely diverse. The aim of this document is to help people identify relevant sources of funding and give some hints about how to set about getting the money.

We are fortunate in Worcestershire to have a wonderful variety of high quality natural and built heritage. With the help of the grant sources covered in this Directory, communities across the county, with their projects, are helping to ensure that this is not only maintained but also developed and improved for future generations.

Worcestershire Partnership Environment Group (part of the Worcestershire Partnership) and the County Council, representing a broad range of environmental groups, have worked together with Worcestershire County Council's Countryside Service and Simon Lees Consultants to produce this Directory.

As governmental and environmental priorities change, so too do those of the grant giving bodies at national, regional and local level. This makes it difficult to ensure that the information given in this Directory is totally up to date at the time of reading. However, to try and make this pack as useful as possible it will be updated on an annual basis to show where grants have changed and new grants have been created.

The Directory does not set out to be fully comprehensive, indeed with thousands of grant giving bodies in existence, it could not be. Instead it gives the main sources of funding for projects of various scales and points to other sources of information.

I am sure that this Directory of Environmental Funding Opportunities for Worcestershire will prove to be a useful tool for communities and organisations in the development and long term sustainability of environmental projects across the county.

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Whose membership comprises of the following organisations:



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## Introduction ~ The Basics of Fundraising

Finding money from outside your group or organisation can seem a daunting task. There are many potential donors out there and a great need to find solutions in order to implement projects that improve your environment. The experiences of many people indicate that grant applications can be tortuous and time-consuming with the outcomes often unpredictable. And yet there are some straightforward guidelines you can follow that can help to make you feel more confident and increase the chances of success.

The need to seek external funding will usually be for specific projects, or for area-wide schemes. Proposals such as these will usually be much more attractive propositions for a donor than asking for help to run an organisation. Donors prefer to fund tangible projects or activities rather than administrative costs, though the direct and indirect costs of implementing that project can sometimes be built into the bid.

Fundraising from external sources is becoming a competitive business. More and more groups and organisations are seeking funds to stay in business and to finance projects. All the major donors are receiving increasing numbers of applications and they cannot respond positively to all. In this context any organisation, needs to demonstrate that it is in the best position to receive a donor's funds, that it is successful, effective and cost-effective in its operation.

Any applicant, whether a large organisation, partnership or a smaller community group, needs to think carefully about how it is to stand out above the crowd when seeking funds. What is special about the work you are planning to do and why would anyone else want to support it? Here are six key questions<sup>1</sup> to ask yourself before starting your fundraising – the answers can help to focus your fundraising work and achieve your desired result.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from the Complete Fundraising Handbook by Nina Botting and Michael Norton, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Directory of Social Change, 2001. [www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)

1. **Who are you?** Can you show that you are an effective, constituted, organisation with a good track record of projects successfully implemented?
2. **What is the need you intend to meet?** What is the issue you are trying to address, what is the scale of the problem and how urgent is it?
3. **What is the solution that you offer?** What are you intending to do, what results do you intend to obtain and how will they be measured? Perhaps think of examples of how similar projects have worked.
4. **Why should you do it?** What other similar work have you done and what expertise do you have in doing it?
5. **How much do you need?** What is the total cost of the project and how could the total be broken down for donors?
6. **What future do you have?** What will happen once the project has finished?

Once you have the answers to these questions you will have the basis of the information you are likely to need for your fundraising.

The choices for someone who is seeking external funds are to make direct applications to donors that are prepared to fund your project initiatives, or to help other organisations, such as local community groups, to seek funds for their own projects. Either choice can help you to achieve your own management objectives and each has a valuable role in illustrating the added value of working in partnership with other organisations.

## Finding the Money

For any organisation seeking funding, there is money 'out there' – it's a question of how to find it! . Collectively, the 8,800 or more

charitable foundations in the UK give about £1.25bn a year<sup>2</sup>. A third of this goes to education, arts, culture, recreation and the environment. On top of this there are the many corporate and business organisations, government programmes and, of course, individuals that offer funds for environmental and community causes.

In general, there are five main sources of funds:

### 1. Government and related programmes

There is a vast array of different local, regional, national and international funding programmes. Many of them are extensive with large amounts of money to spend. Many, such as European Union funds, require a big investment of time in preparation that is not guaranteed to be successful. For further information, try the Government's website, [www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk) or [www.esfnews.org.uk](http://www.esfnews.org.uk). Also try [www.westmidlandsworkingtogether.oprg.uk](http://www.westmidlandsworkingtogether.oprg.uk) for an overview of European funding in the region. The Directory of Social Change produces a number of guides including "A Guide to Funding from Government Departments and Agencies", "A Guide to European Funding for the Voluntary Sector" and a "Guide to the National Lottery Charities Board". It also produces a useful guide for NGOs "Your Way Through the Labyrinth – a Guide to European Funding for NGOs" ([www.dsc.org.uk/bookshop](http://www.dsc.org.uk/bookshop)). See also the Countryside Agency website [www.countryside.gov.uk](http://www.countryside.gov.uk). Many local authorities have grant schemes for local groups that help to support community and environmental projects. For Worcestershire the relevant grant schemes offered by local authorities and statutory agencies are listed in the regional section of this funding directory.

### 2. Lottery funding

Lottery distribution has undergone some changes recently. The New Opportunities Fund and the Community Fund have merged to form the Big Lottery fund – see [www.blf.org.uk](http://www.blf.org.uk). This brings together the

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<sup>2</sup> Association of Charitable Foundations. Figures are from research carried out in 1997.

open funding programmes of the former, and the more strategic approach of the latter.

Sport England and the Arts Council are the other chief funding bodies for lottery money, but please note that you will find all the distributors working very much in partnership. 'Awards for All' is the obvious example of this, but you will also find more joined up, strategic working on larger programmes as well.

### 3. Foundations

Foundations and charitable trusts are generally independent organisations that provide funds for a wide variety of projects and schemes. Each one has its own personal interests and criteria for making applications and the range and size of grants is huge. Of particular interest to environmental voluntary organisations will be the Landfill Tax Credits Scheme operated by local landfill operators. See [www.ltcs.org.uk](http://www.ltcs.org.uk) for further details.

There are many directories of grant-making bodies available either to buy or to download from the internet. The Directory of Social Change (DSC) ([www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)) produces three volumes of "A Guide to the Major Trusts" as well as "The Directory of Grant Making Trusts" regional guides to trusts operating in specific areas<sup>3</sup>. The Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF) [www.acf.org.uk](http://www.acf.org.uk) also produces guidance on applying to trusts and foundations. Its guidance note "Applying to a Charitable Trust or Foundation" contains advice on how to make applications to trusts and where you can find information. A web-based directory – Funderfinder ([www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk)) – has a computer programme that can help an organisation identify the appropriate trust for a given need. It requires a licence to access. The website contains much useful information on writing strategies and making applications.

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<sup>3</sup> All publications from the Directory of Social Change, 24 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2DP

#### 4. Corporate Sponsorship

Sponsorship can be the most difficult source of funds for an organisation. Companies sell products through gaining publicity and presenting a positive image. Their interest in you is essentially as a vehicle to selling more products, while your interest in them is as a source of cash, or materials. Establishing a relationship with any company must involve establishing a mutual understanding of these aims and also a convergence of interests. What seems interesting to you may not necessarily sound interesting to a marketing director. Sponsorship in the fields of conservation and community is hard to achieve and some of the most successful deals are where the aims and images of the two parties are particularly well matched. Guidance on corporate fundraising can be found in the DSC publications "Corporate Fundraising" and the CD-ROM Company Giving Guide". Visit DSC at [www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk).

#### 5. Private donations

Traditionally, many NGOs get much of their money from private donations. Most donations, however, are in a range under £60 per year and to initiate and manage a fundraising campaign that includes private donations an organisation needs a comprehensive and extensive infrastructure.

Other sources of information on local donors can be sought from the National Association of Councils for Voluntary Services (NACVS) at [www.nacvs.org.uk](http://www.nacvs.org.uk) and from the Rural Community Councils (RCCs). ACRE, the umbrella organisation for RCCs provides information on RCCs and what they can offer on [www.acreiro.demon.co.uk](http://www.acreiro.demon.co.uk). General information about sources of funds can also be found at [www.mycommunity.org.uk](http://www.mycommunity.org.uk). The Royal Society of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce (RSA) has launched an online database of grants available to environmental projects and organisations. You need to register (at no charge) in order to search the database at [www.environmentawards.net](http://www.environmentawards.net). You should also visit [www.access-funds.co.uk](http://www.access-funds.co.uk), [www.citizensconnection.net](http://www.citizensconnection.net) and [www.j4b.co.uk](http://www.j4b.co.uk) for more information on funds, although these will require subscriptions in most cases.

#### The Funding Directory

The tables on the following pages give an indication of some of the external sources of funding available for environmental projects within Worcestershire. This information is constantly changing but was last updated in December 2002. There are a vast number of charitable trusts that offer grants but this booklet cover those trusts that are targeted nationally and at environmental activities. This Directory will be updated at least once per year to assure, where possible, that the grants, funding bodies and other information are accurate.

This Directory has been produced by Worcestershire county Council Countryside Service with Simon Lees Consultants on behalf of the Worcestershire Partnership Environment Group. Should you require any further information, wish to provide additional information or have a comment to make regarding this directory, please contact the Countryside Service at:

Worcestershire County Council, Woodside Offices, Perry Wood Walk, Worcester, WR5 1ES – 01905 768212 or email [rpell@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:rpell@worcestershire.gov.uk)

#### Where to go to for help

The Worcestershire Partnership is the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for the County. LSPs are intended to bring together key organisations from the public and private sector to ensure that strategies are 'joined up' and that sustainable solutions are developed to combat a wide range of issues.

One of the key resources within the LSP is the Funding Manager post. The Funding Manager role exists to help turn partnership projects into reality through identification of appropriate funds. All that is required to obtain 'branding' as a Worcestershire Partnership project is that two or more partners are working together jointly, and that there is a strategic fit with the Community Strategy. The Worcestershire Partnership Environment Group can 'brand' projects, and support can then be obtained from the Funding Manager to help identify funds, and make strategic links with other partners.

Support and advice is also available for individual projects within the county that do not meet the partnership branding criteria. This will take the form of telephone advice and the provision of reports with suggested funding sources.

For more information, call Chris Brooks, Worcestershire Partnership Funding Manager on 01386 565343, or e-mail him on [chris.brooks@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:chris.brooks@wychavon.gov.uk)

In addition, the following names and contacts may be useful to you in helping to pull together funding applications for your own project:

Forestry Commission – Greg Jones / Simon West - 01905 761 220  
Woodland Trust – Head Office – 01476 581 111  
Duckworth Worcestershire Trust – Mark Driscoll – 01905 459 343  
Wychavon District Council – Jem Teal 01386 565235  
Worcestershire County Council – Countryside Service – 01905 766 493  
Worcestershire County Council – Arts Development – 01905 766 247  
Worcestershire Historic Environment & Archaeology Service – Malcolm Atkin – 01905 855 455  
Malvern Hills District Council – Gary Williams – 01684 892 700  
Malvern Hills AONB – David Armitage – 01684 560 616  
Worcestershire Wildlife Trust – 01905 754 919  
Worcestershire Biodiversity Partnership – Helen Sharman – 01905 766 852  
Worcestershire County Museum – Robin Hill – 01299 250 416  
Wyre Forest District Council – Paul Allen – 01562 820 505  
Bromsgrove District Council – Andrew Fisher – 01527 881 207  
Worcester City Council – Rory McClure – 01905 723 471  
English Nature (Three Counties Team) – Peter Holmes – 01531 638 500  
Visit Heart of England – 01905 761 100

Funding sources that are available for environmental projects

Ref no	Grant Name & Funding Body	Categories / Priorities	Other Criteria	Grant Value	Closing Date	Contact Details
<b>GRANTS FROM TRUST FUNDERS - available to community/voluntary sector groups</b>						
1	<b>The Allen Lane Foundation</b>	Focuses on work it believes to be unpopular in the UK	Chooses to fund projects that have 'more than local significance' – i.e. that can be replicated.	£250 to £10,000		Heather Swales Executive Director Allen Lane Foundation C/c The Mought York YO24 1AR <a href="http://www.allenlane.org.uk">www.allenlane.org.uk</a>
2	<b>Ethnic Minorities Award Scheme (EMAS)</b> Black Environment Network	Projects concerning the environment & people from ethnic communities.	Small grants for innovative projects that do not fit into larger grant schemes. Priority given to projects producing vital development locally.	Up to £500	Ongoing	BEN - EMAS, 9 Llainwen Uchaf, Llanberis, Gwynedd, LL55 4LL Tel/Fax: 01286 870715  <a href="http://www.ben-network.org.uk/grants/emas.html">www.ben-network.org.uk/grants/emas.html</a>
3	<b>Barclays New Futures</b>	School and community partnerships tackling social, community or educational challenges.	Secondary schools, special schools, middle schools & 6 <sup>th</sup> form colleges.  Must have at least one community partner.	Student - £500 Individual school - £5,000 3 School partnership - £10,000 Citizenship - £20,000	December each year Student awards also March & June	Barclays New Futures, 2 Portland Road, Holland Park, London, W11 4LA  Tel: 020 7221 7883 <a href="http://www.community.barclays.co.uk/newfutures/">www.community.barclays.co.uk/newfutures/</a>
4	<b>Barclays Spaces for Sports</b>	The facilities provided will vary depending on the needs of each local community, ranging from basketball courts, BMX tracks and football pitches.	Barclays Spaces for Sports is a partnership between Barclays, the Football Foundation and Groundwork. Over 100 sustainable sports sites will be created across the UK every year during the three-year programme.	£30million community initiative to create sustainable sports facilities across the UK		For further information contact the Barclays Spaces for Sports Press Office on 020 7699 3761 or visit  <a href="http://www.barclays.co.uk/spacesforsports">www.barclays.co.uk/spacesforsports</a>
5	<b>British Ecological Society</b>	For promoting ecological research and training		Up to £2,000		British Ecological Society, 26 Blades Court, Deodar Road, London SW15 2NU <a href="http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org.uk/articles/grants/">www.britishecologicalsociety.org.uk/articles/grants/</a>
6	<b>Business in the Community</b>	Professional Firms Group encourages professionals to donate services to community groups through local investment that supports regeneration projects		Not cash awards, but work on a 'prob-bono' basis		Business in the Community, 44 Baker Street, London W1M 1DH  <a href="http://www.bitc.org.uk">www.bitc.org.uk</a>

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7	<b>B &amp; Q 'You Can Do It' Community Awards</b>	Community groups undertaking projects requiring some DIY work.	Must make a real difference to local people.	Details yet to be announced	Details yet to be announced	Contact the Public Relations Deps: 02380 256 256 <a href="http://www.diy.co.uk">www.diy.co.uk</a>
8	<b>BT Grounds for the Future</b>	Practical support from BTCV and Learning through Landscapes for improving schools grounds for the benefit of pupils, staff and the wider community	Check website for current information	£200 to £1,000		BT Grounds for the Future, Learning through Landscapes, Southside Offices, The Law Courts, Winchester, SO23 9DL  <a href="http://www.btplc.com">www.btplc.com</a>
9	<b>CAF (Charities Aid Foundation)</b>	Available for charities	Fast Track Fund Consultancy Fund Critical Assessment Fund	Check Website		Charities Aid Foundation  Tel: 01732 520 187 <a href="http://www.caf.org.uk">www.caf.org.uk</a>
10	<b>Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation</b>	Available for social welfare projects, including rural and urban community based projects to tackle the consequences of multiple deprivation	Projects from outlying rural areas, assisting women and planning independent evaluation are welcomed	Up to £5,000		Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 98 Portland Place, London W1N 4ET  <a href="http://www.gulbenkian.org.uk">www.gulbenkian.org.uk</a>
11	<b>The Camelot Foundation Community Support Programme</b>	Projects working with disadvantaged young people aged 11-25. .	Grants are available to help young people participate in their communities. .	£10,000 - £90,000	Ongoing	The Camelot Foundation, 1 Derry Street, London, W8 3AY Tel: 020 7937 5594  <a href="http://www.camelotfoundation.org.uk">www.camelotfoundation.org.uk</a>
12	<b>Children in Need</b>	Non profit groups with a constitution, including voluntary organisations, self help groups and charities, may apply for funding to support projects that directly help children age 18 or under	Projects will relate to one of the following: Poverty and deprivation Illness, distress, abuse, neglect Disability Behavioural and psychological difficulties			BBC Children in Need Appeal, PO Box 76, London W3 6FS  Tel: 0208 576 7788  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey">www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey</a>
13	<b>Comic Relief</b>	Can assist projects benefiting the needy over 65, people with disabilities or young people between 14 and 25	Excludes schools, colleges, sports clubs and general youth work.	Check website	Programmes open after Red Nose Day in March each year	Comic Relief, UK Grants Team, 74 New Oxford Street, London, WC1A 1EF  <a href="http://www.comicrelief.org.uk">www.comicrelief.org.uk</a>
14	<b>Community Dividend Awards</b> The Co-operative Group	Project should fulfil a need in the local community and should be of a voluntary not-for-profit nature. Environmental projects should aim to improve the local environment whilst promoting community involvement, or raises awareness of environmental issues	Project must be within the vicinity of a Co-operative store.	£100 - £5,000	Applications are considered on an ongoing basis	Tel: 0845 0901 456, or ask at local store  <a href="http://www.co-op.co.uk">www.co-op.co.uk</a> (and search under 'Community Dividend')

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15	Community Trees Fund	Community groups, parish councils, voluntary organisations and private individuals are eligible to apply for support towards the planting of trees on community land or land that the public has access to.	Applications may include the costs of trees, shelters and aids to establishing growth.		June for planned starting date of work between November and December	The Tree Council, 71 Newcomen St London SE1 1YT  Tel: 0207 407 9992  <a href="http://www.treecouncil.org.uk">www.treecouncil.org.uk</a>
16	Conservation Foundation	Natural environment. Heritage. Conservation engineering. Child & youth projects.	Usefulness & practicality, originality, dedication, financial need, international appeal. Child & youth projects must have adult participation restricted to administrative support.	£500-£5,000	End of October each year	The Conservation Foundation, 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR Tel: 020 7591 3111 Fax: 020 7591 3110  <a href="http://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk">www.conservationfoundation.co.uk</a>
17	Duckworth Worcestershire Trust	An active Trust but does consider a small number of funding requests that fit closely with the following objectives:  To promote the conservation, and improvement of the natural and built environment in Worcestershire.  To relieve poverty amongst the unemployed or disadvantaged groups.  <i>Currently reviewing guidelines for environmental fund</i>	Encourage community involvement in any project and match funding from other sources.  Will not sponsor 100% of project costs.		Setting up a schools environmental fund later in 2002	Duckworth Worcestershire Trust – Mark Driscoll  Tel: 01905 459343  <a href="mailto:info@dwt.org.uk">info@dwt.org.uk</a>
18	Elmley Foundation  Small Grants Fund	Primarily a fund for arts projects but will be acceptable if they have an environmental focus	Projects to be run by voluntary/community groups  Must involve professional artists in the project  Total project cost must not exceed £5,000  <b>Project must take place in Worcestershire or Herefordshire</b>	Up to a maximum of £1,000  Usually awards are between £250 to £500  Evidence of match funding needed	January, April, July and October each year	Relevant District Council Arts Officer  OR Anne Langford Assistant County Arts Officer  01905 766 247 <a href="mailto:alangford@worcestershire.gov.uk">alangford@worcestershire.gov.uk</a>
19	Esmee Fairbairn Charitable Trust	Grants towards the promotion of sustainable development. Main priorities include the preservation of the countryside and wildlife, and reconciling the needs of the environment and the economy		£1,000 to £500,000		Esmee Fairbairn Charitable Trust, 7 Cowley Street, London SW1P 3NB  <a href="http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk">www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk</a>

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20	Garfield Weston Foundation	Applications only accepted from registered charities		£2,000 - £500,000. Separate small grants process for bids less than £2,000		Garfield Weston Foundation, c/o Weston Centre, Bowater House, 68 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LR Tel: 020 7584 63636
21	Gifts in Kind UK	Links companies with surplus goods with charities that can make use of them. Participants are charged a membership fee on a sliding scale relating to turnover				Gifts in Kind UK, PO Box 140, 4 St Dunstan's Hill, London EC3R 5HB
22	Halifax Community Involvement	The programme aids small scale voluntary and community activities		£100 to £1,000	No deadline	Group Community Relations, Halifax plc, Trinity Road, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX1 2RG <a href="http://www.halifax.co.uk">www.halifax.co.uk</a>
23	Jenny Wood Environmental Trust	Grants given to practical, imaginative environmental projects that involve the local community and/or local children		Up to £600 to a total of approximately £2,500	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Jenny Wood Environmental Trust, 36 Oak Village, London NW5
24	Lloyds TSB Foundation	Community programmes for local or regional projects that relate to social and community needs or education and training	Regional budgets are determined on the basis of population, weighted for deprivation <i>Foundation will NOT support events, environmental conservation or projects that fall within statutory responsibility</i>	Offer up to £5,000 for local projects  Up to £10,000 for projects within Areas of Special Interest	Ongoing	West Midlands Regional Office Lloyds TSB Bank 40 Gaolgate Street Stafford ST16 2NS 01785 247488 <a href="http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk">www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk</a>
25	Marks and Spencer Community Involvement	Provides a commitment to community, voluntary and charity organisations, in terms of funding and provision of time and skills	Applications should include a breakdown of costs and specific details about the project	Average donation £3,500		Community Involvement ~ D147 Marks and Spencer plc, Michael House, Baker Street, London, W1A 1DN <a href="http://www.marksandspencer.com">www.marksandspencer.com</a>
26	Pride of Place Awards	Offers annual awards for projects improving the benefit of the built environment and benefiting communities		£100 to £5,000		David Knightley Charitable Trust, 136 The Grove, London W5 3SH
27	National Grid Transco	Support is focused in three areas, regenerating communities, improving local environments and lifelong learning	Small scale and flagship projects funded	See website	See website	Enquiry Line 0208 663 3086 <a href="http://www.ngtgroup.com/foundation/index_shtm">www.ngtgroup.com/foundation/index_shtm</a>

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28	Save and Prosper Education Trust	Supports a range of innovative and community based educational projects		£1,000 to £10,000		Save and Prosper Education Trust, Finsbury Dials, 20 Finsbury Street, London EC2Y 9AY
29	Tesco Charity Trust	For children's educational projects		£2,000 to £5,000		Tesco Charity Trust, Tesco House, PO Box 18, Delamere Road, Cheshunt, EN8 9SL
30	The Tubney Charitable Trust	Conservation of the natural environment of the UK through achievement of Biodiversity Action Plan targets Improvement of the welfare of farmed animals both in the UK and internationally	Money available over the next 8-10 years - £35.5 million	Over £30,000		<b>The Tubney Charitable Trust</b> First Floor, Front Wing, 30-31 Friar Street Reading RG1 1DX - 01189 958 6100  info@tubney.org.uk <a href="http://www.tubney.org.uk">www.tubney.org.uk</a>
31	Volunteer Action Awards	Work showing effective involvement of volunteers plus special reason why the organisation deserves recognition.	Awards for recognition for individuals aged 14-25 or projects making an outstanding contribution to society through voluntary activity. Nominations need to be made by an independent person.	11 regional awards of £1,000	June each year Nomination forms available from January each year	Freepost LOL 1936, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 3YR Tel: 01582 396018  <a href="http://www.whitbreadyoungachievers.co.uk">www.whitbreadyoungachievers.co.uk</a>
32	World Wildlife Fund ~ UK	For projects that contribute to WWF's UK programme including specific target areas	Includes Living Seas, Forests, Wetlands, Species and Habitats of Special Concern, Future Landscapes, Climate Change, Toxics, Sustainable Resource Use	£1,000 to £50,000		WWF – UK, Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming, GU7 1XR  <a href="http://www.wwf.org.uk/core/index.asp">www.wwf.org.uk/core/index.asp</a>
<b>Grants from Government – central and local</b>						
33	DEFRA Rural Enterprise Scheme	Provides support for farmers to adjust or orientate their businesses to adapt to changing markets and business opportunities and provides targeted assistance to projects which support the development of more sustainable, diversified and enterprising rural economies and communities Also provides support for supporting rural heritage and environment, and small scale community-based projects not covered by other mainstream Government support.	Grants for projects with an economic return	Between 30-50% No financial restrictions on value of project.  Between 50 – 100% No financial restrictions on value of project  All projects are assessed on value for money	<b>Cut off date every two months</b> - please contact office for details  As above	Project Based Schemes Rural Development Service - West Midlands Block B, Government Buildings, Whittington Road, Worcester, WR5 2LQ Tel: 01905 362931 GTN: 6180 362931 Fax: 01905 362951 <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/eaf">www.defra.gov.uk/environment/eaf</a>

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	Processing and Marketing Grant	Processing and Marketing grant - offers capital grants for processing and marketing facilities to help farmers become more competitive, respond to consumer demand and add more value to their produce.	Grants for projects with no or minimal economic return (e.g community based projects)	Minimum total project cost of £70,000 (Maximum of £1.2m grant for one project) Grant rate is 30% of eligible costs No minimum or maximum financial value. Grant rate 75%	As above	As above
	Vocational Training Scheme	Vocational Training Scheme - makes payments for vocational training activities that contribute to an improvement of the occupational skill and competence of farmers and other persons involved in forestry and farming activities and their conversion	Applications may be from individuals, small co-ordinated groups or training organisations	All projects are assessed on value for money	As above	As above
	Environmental Action Fund	Helps voluntary organisations to promote sustainable living. Grants are available for projects to educate the general public regarding energy, water & other resources, sustainable development, waste minimisation, recycling and implementing national/local biodiversity action plans	Can be spent on equipment, tools, travel & general running costs.  Activities are not eligible for EAF support if funding is received from other Government departments	Min £25,000 Max £250,000 per year over a 3 year period Only 50% of total costs. Must match funding from non-public sector	Current project period from 2002 to 2005	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 6/G9, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE Tel: 020 7944 6553  <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/eaf">www.defra.gov.uk/environment/eaf</a>
<b>34</b>	<b>Forestry Commission</b> England Woodland Grant Scheme (eWGS)	Grants currently being finalized and will be open 2005. More details can be found on the web site or call Greg Jones at the Forestry Commission  <a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5ztlj9">http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5ztlj9</a>	For more up to date information it is best to check the website			Mr G Jones Woodland Officer West Midlands Conservancy, Forestry Commission Block B, Government Buildings, Whittington Road, Worcester, WR5 2FR  01905 761220  <a href="mailto:fc.wmid.cons@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">fc.wmid.cons@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>

Ref no	Grant Name & Funding Body	Categories / Priorities	Other Criteria	Grant Value	Closing Date	Contact Details
34	<p><b>Forestry Commission</b> Projects working under the ENGLAND FORESTRY STRATEGY (EFS) Project working under the UKFS expressed regionally via the RFF' copies available at: <a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/WestMidlandsRFF.pdf/\$FILE/WestMidlandsRFF.pdf">http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/WestMidlandsRFF.pdf/\$FILE/WestMidlandsRFF.pdf</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forestry for Rural Development</li> <li>2. Forestry for Economic Regeneration</li> <li>3. Forestry for Recreation, Access and Tourism</li> <li>4. Forestry for the Environment and Conservation</li> </ol>	<p>Links to the EFS Government Strategy document covering one or more of the four themes This is a preferential link, with other aspects of the project to have wider links relating to forestry under the main four themes. Match funding does not have a fixed percentage requirement. A mixture of 'in kind' or direct funding could be acceptable e.g. admin/ IT/ officer support as just a few examples.</p>	<p>West Midlands Conservancy, approval for FC Regional or County Projects up to £2000.</p> <p>Woodland Projects supported by West Midlands Conservancy need National approval for Projects greater than £2000.</p>	<p>At any time, but recommendations are usually made during the Autumn/ Winter. If working on any project brief it is best to talk and discuss early on the possible success of any bid with the FC before raising expectations.</p>	<p>Mr. S West, Implementation Manager West Midlands Conservancy, Forestry Commission Block B, Government Buildings, Whittington Road, Worcester, WR5 2FR</p> <p>01905 761220</p> <p><a href="mailto:simon.west@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">mailto:simon.west@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
35	<p><b>English Nature National Nature Reserves Capital Grants</b></p> <p><b>Land Purchase Grants</b></p>	<p>Practical management of nature reserves.</p> <p>Grants can be used to purchase SSSI land, land around SSSIs where this will help safeguard the SSSI, and non-SSSI land where habitat restoration can make a major contribution towards the achievement of national BAP habitat and species targets;</p>	<p>Grants are available to Approved Bodies under Section 35(1)(c) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, where these Approved Bodies are not eligible for the Reserves Enhancement Scheme. These grants contribute to capital projects for the improvement of reserve management, access and interpretation .</p> <p>Applicants must be voluntary conservation organisations with a good track record in land management. Grants cannot be given to commercial organisations or private individuals. Priority will be given to Natura 2000 sites in unfavourable condition</p>	<p>Up to 50% of costs for capital projects</p> <p>The rate of grant offered towards the cost of land purchase will normally be between 5% and 25% of the purchase price up to a maximum of £50,000</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Contact your local English Nature Team or ring the enquiry line on: 01733 455100/1/2</p> <p><a href="http://www.english-nature.org.uk">www.english-nature.org.uk</a></p> <p>For further information contact Dick Lambert on 01733 455140 or Duncan Macfarlane on 01733 455138</p> <p>For further details, please email the land purchase grants team by phoning 01733 455145.</p> <p><a href="http://www.english-nature.org.uk">www.english-nature.org.uk</a></p>

36	<b>Wychavon District Council</b> Wychavon Community Grant	Varies on annual basis – has included to date; environment, youth, sport. Up to 30% of total grant budget is directed to projects meeting a theme; so environmental projects can still be considered each year. Overriding theme is ‘Community’ project	Projects must be: over £100; Wychavon focussed; no profit making or politically affiliated organisations; no individuals; no grant if sufficient assets to deliver project themselves;  Grant awarded is % of total project cost so other funding arrangements need to be demonstrated.  Funding in kind can be part of the overall funding package and can be used to demonstrate active, community support.	Varies depending on total project cost. Sliding scale from 85% for projects costing up to £500 to 20% for projects costing over £20,000. Full details available on request.	Application period – generally March to May. Awards notified in July.	Jem Teal Wychavon District Council Queen Elizabeth Drive Pershore Worcestershire WR10 1PT  01386 565000  <a href="mailto:jem.teal@wychavon.gov.uk">jem.teal@wychavon.gov.uk</a>
37	<b>Worcestershire County Council</b>  First Base Award	Set up to encourage small scale community activity that has a clear arts focus	Can be used to initiate environmental arts projects  Needs match funding pound for pound	Up to £500	Last Friday of January, April, July October of each year	Anne Langford Assistant County Arts Officer  01905 766 247 <a href="mailto:alangford@worcestershire.gov.uk">alangford@worcestershire.gov.uk</a>
38	<b>Bromsgrove District Council</b>	Have 2 budgets to support external project funding  £20,000 for capital works, for example village hall improvements/repairs  £25,000 for revenue funding of one off projects. Will not fund ongoing revenue costs	Must be a charity to qualify  Favourable consideration given to projects seeking a number of different funds  Contact Andrew Fisher for application form	No maximum but bear in mind small initial budgets	Ongoing, applications can be presented to cabinet every Wednesday	Bromsgrove District Council -  01527 881 207
39	<b>Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund</b>	The Countryside Agency working in partnership with English Nature, English Heritage, the aggregates industry to distribute the fund.  The Countryside Agency will focus on projects that deliver landscape, community and recreational benefits in areas affected by aggregate extraction.  English Nature will focus on ecological and biodiversity benefits and English Heritage on historic landscape.	As at January 2005, new priorities are being developed. For further information, please see <a href="http://www.english-nature.org.uk/about/alsf.htm">http://www.english-nature.org.uk/about/alsf.htm</a>			<a href="http://www.english-nature.org.uk/about/alsf.htm">http://www.english-nature.org.uk/about/alsf.htm</a>

Landfill Tax sources (for general and regulatory information on the Landfill Tax, see the ENTRUST website at <a href="http://www.entrust.org.uk">www.entrust.org.uk</a> )						
40	<b>Hanson Environment Fund</b>	Helps to finance reclamation and restoration of derelict land, prevention and remediation of pollution, sustainable waste management practices, recycling and re-use of waste, maintenance and improvement of parks and public amenities	ENTRUST approved for registered charities, voluntary groups, educational establishments and local authority trusts	Small grants scheme – £250 - £4,000.  Main grants - £4,001 - £25,000.	Applications considered at quarterly meetings	Hanson Environment Fund, The Kiln, Waterside, Mather Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1WT  <a href="http://www.hansonenvfund.org/">http://www.hansonenvfund.org/</a>
41	<b>Welcome to our Future</b>  Severn Waste Environmental Fund	Local Agenda 21 focus. Projects must be organised or supported by the local community and must further sustainability. Priority is given to projects that: could be replicated; involve active partnerships; disseminate information; attract match funding; have a long term business plan; are innovative with good practice; offer value for money.	Third party funding at 10% of the projects total cost is required. Projects with funding partners will receive preference. Conditional offers may be made where match funding is required to complete a funding package.  A Business Plan is essential for projects over £5,000	Since Oct 2004, maximum grant £10,000. WTOF state they will not fund general maintenance, car parks, bids from Local Authorities (includes Parish Councils) and projects that are a statutory responsibility. Projects must be completed within 12 months of grant offer	Applications can be submitted at anytime and are reviewed by the Award Panel who meets quarterly.  Application process takes a minimum of 3 months	Welcome to our Future (LA 21) Severn Waste Environmental Fund 141 Church Street, Malvern Worcestershire, WR14 2AN 01684 577001  <a href="mailto:SevernWasteFund@aol.com">SevernWasteFund@aol.com</a>
43	<b>Biffaward</b>	Supports projects that improve community facilities and/or sustainable waste management. Key priorities: the Built Environment, the Natural Environment, Recreation, Research and Development, Education, Waste Minimisation.	All site-based projects must be within five miles of a Biffa operation  A business plan is required for all projects (a workplan for projects <£10,000).  Guidance on project development and operational plans is available from the RSNC.	65 per cent of funds are directed to sustainable waste management.  35 per cent to community schemes.  Generally support community projects under £50,000.	Applications are ongoing and considered quarterly.  Successful applicants are notified within 10 workdays.	Royal Society for Nature Conservation - Biffaward The Kiln, Waterside Mather Road Newark Nottinghamshire NG24 1WT  0870 036 1000 grants@rsnc.cix.co.uk  <a href="http://www.biffaward.org/">http://www.biffaward.org/</a>
European opportunities						
45	<b>Altener II</b>	For those developing or promoting renewable energy	A European partner is required	Up to £500,000		Mike Brooke, DTI, Victoria Street, London, SW1T 0ET Tel: 020 7281 2647

46	<b>EU LIFE Fund</b>	Funding from European Commission Environmental Action Programme provide 30-50% of costs for innovative environmental projects by industry and local authorities over 3-5 years	3 different sources: LIFE Nature LIFE Environment LIFE Third Countries Check on <a href="http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/funding/intro_en.htm">www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/funding/intro_en.htm</a>	£300,000 to £3,000,000		EU LIFE Fund, Zone 5/G9, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE  <a href="http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/home.htm">www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/home.htm</a>
47	<b>Europa Nostra</b>	European consortium giving awards for Europe's cultural heritage, includes conservation and reconstruction of parks gardens and landscapes	Covers sensitive development in conservation areas			Europa Nostra, Lange Voorhout 35, 2514 EC, The Hague, Netherlands  Fax: 0031 703 617 865 <a href="http://www.europanostra.org">www.europanostra.org</a>
<b>Lottery funding</b>						
48	<b>The Big Lottery Fund</b>	Launched on 1 June 2004 the Big Lottery fund brings together Community Fund and the New Opportunities Fund and will give out half the money raised by the National Lottery for good causes.	Community Fund programmes are continuing, including the new Young Peoples Fund NOF programmes will continue to be mainly strategic			Advice Line – 0845 4 10 20 30 Text Phone – 0845 6 02 16 59  8 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Edmund House 12-22 Newhall Street Birmingham, B3 3NL  Tel: 0121 200 3500 <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</a> Contact - Dominic Moore and Philip Thompson
49	<b>Heritage Lottery Fund</b>	Heritage conservation, natural heritage, local heritage, heritage education & access.  For Local Heritage Initiative, look at <a href="http://www.lhi.org.uk/">www.lhi.org.uk/</a>	For projects costing over £5,000. 2 types of grants: <b>Main grants</b> – support conservation, repair / restoration of physical heritage assets. Can include joint / umbrella schemes. <b>Revenue grants</b> – widen / enhance popular access to heritage.	<b>Main grants</b> – up to £100,000 (total project costs)  <b>Revenue grants</b> – must find 10% yourselves (up to 5% can be in kind)	Ongoing	Heritage Lottery Fund Bank House 8 Cherry Street Birmingham B2 5AL  Telephone: 0121 616 6882/6878/6879 Textphone: 020 7591 6255 Fax: 0121 616 6871 Email: <a href="mailto:westmidlands@hlf.org.uk">westmidlands@hlf.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.hlf.org.uk">www.hlf.org.uk</a>
50	<b>Awards for All</b> Simplified one-stop access to funding from NLCB, National Heritage Memorial Fund, Arts Council & Sports Council	Projects involving arts, sports, heritage & voluntary / community activity.	<b>England</b> – Project must be complete within 6 months.  <b>In the West Midlands, applications are encouraged for projects that will involve/benefit, young people, minority ethnic communities and disabled people.</b>	£500 - £5,000	Ongoing	England: 0845 600 2040  Awards for All West Midlands 8 <sup>th</sup> floor, Edmund House, 12-22 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3NL  Tel: 0121 200 3500 <a href="http://www.nlcb.org.uk">www.nlcb.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.awardsforall.org.uk">www.awardsforall.org.uk</a>

Funding for businesses						
51	<b>Community Investment Fund</b>	Environmental projects which promote regeneration & have social & economic benefits to the community.	Capital funding is available for providing or improving land & buildings.	£10,000 - £100,000	Ongoing	Contact your Regional Development Agency Office North East: 0191 261 2000 North West: 01925 400100 East Midlands: 0115 988 8300 Eastern England: 01223 713900 SW England: 01392 214747 SE England: 01483 484226