

Funding sources for grants with biodiversity in mind



name	funder	value	eligibility & activities	deadline
National & Regional Sources				
Access to Nature	Natural England	£50,000 - £500,000	<p>Eligibility: Grants available to orgs. who can demonstrate that their project will deliver one or more of Access to Nature's five main outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a greater number and diversity of people having improved opportunities to experience the natural environment • more people having opportunities for learning about the natural environment and gaining new skills • more people able to enjoy the natural environment through investment in access to natural places and networks between sites • richer, more sustainably managed, natural places meeting the needs of local communities • an increase in communities' sense of ownership of local natural places, by establishing strong partnerships between communities, voluntary organisations, local authorities and others. <p>See www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/outdoorsforall/accesstonature/default.aspx</p>	anytime from April 2008 - June 2010
Action Earth Grants	Community Service Volunteers	£50 (and possibility of a further £100 - £500 project award)	<p>Eligibility: projects should enable people to take part in practical conservation projects and empower them to improve quality of life for themselves, their communities and future generations</p> <p>See www.actionearth.org.uk/</p>	grants for 2010 run 1st March through to 31st July
Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund	Natural England	£5,000 - £350,000	<p>Eligibility: important that all applicants establish a clear and valid link between their projects and aggregate extraction that has attracted the Levy. Must also demonstrate the impacts of this extraction upon people and the environment; show how the project reduces that impact, and what benefits it will provide for the environment and/or people; site based projects should be located within 8 kilometres of the quarrying.</p> <p>See www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/funding/alsf.aspx</p>	closed currently
Awards for All	Heritage Lottery Fund	£300 - £10,000	<p>Eligibility: aims to extend access and participation by encouraging more people to become actively involved in local groups and projects.</p>	ongoing

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities: that aim to be open and accessible to everyone who wishes to take part • increase skill and creativity by supporting activities which help to develop people and organisations • encourage talent and raise standards; improve the quality of life by supporting local projects that improve people's opportunities, health, welfare, environment or local facilities <p>Examples include: promoting healthy eating and greater physical activity; creating a community wildlife garden</p> <p>See www.awardsforall.org.uk</p>	
Flagship Scheme	Biffaward	Grants of £150,000 - £500,000 are available	<p>The Flagship Scheme supports two themes: rebuilding biodiversity and cultural facilities.</p> <p>Eligibility: Projects must be site-based, within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and ten miles of an active landfill. The organisation making the application must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body.</p> <p>Applicants have until 01 July 2009 to submit their first stage applications. Successful Awards given in Oct 2010.</p> <p>See www.biffaward.org/about/foverview</p>	1 st July 2010 or expressions of interest (round 1)
Main Grants - Biodiversity		up to £50,000 you will need to find a third party funder to provide 10% of the grant you are applying for	<p>Eligibility: project site is within 25 miles of a Biffa operation; the project site is also within ten miles of a landfill site (owned by any company); the project has specific targets in relation to a BAP and will deliver a direct improvement to biodiversity; your organisation has the support of key agencies, and has partners involved in the project's delivery; there is a management plan in place for the key species/habitats involved.</p> <p>See www.biffaward.org/about/coverview</p>	ongoing
Small grants		between £250 and £5,000. Your project must not cost more than £10,000 in total.	<p>Eligibility: within 10 miles of a Biffa operation, also within 10 miles of a landfill site. There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year.</p> <p>Activities: Often groups only need a small amount of money to make a difference to a local facility, be it a community building, nature reserve, cultural facility or outdoor space. The Small Grants Scheme offers quicker access to lower levels of funding to make these projects happen.</p> <p>See www.biffaward.org/about/soverview</p>	ongoing
Main Grants - Community		between £5,000 and £50,000 You will need to find a third party contributor(s) to	<p>Eligibility: grants to projects that provide or improve community spaces, cultural facilities and places for outdoor recreation. Within 10 miles of a Biffa operation, also within 10 miles of a landfill site. There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year.</p> <p>See www.biffaward.org/about/coverview</p>	ongoing

		provide 10% of the grant		
Breathing Spaces	BBC/ Big Lottery Fund	between £1,000 and £5,000	Eligibility: Currently not open for applications. See www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_breathingplaces	Currently closed
Community Spaces Small grant	Groundwork	£10,000 - £25,000	Eligibility: funding for community groups to carry out projects that hope to create and improve their local environment, within a 2 mile radius of a residential area, must be open to the public most of the time. See www.community-spaces.org.uk/default.aspx?page=10	available on a rolling basis until 2011
Medium grant		£25,001 - £49,999	Eligibility: funding for community groups to carry out projects that hope to create and improve their local environment, within a 2 mile radius of a residential area, must be open to the public most of the time. See www.community-spaces.org.uk/default.aspx?page=10	available on a rolling basis until 2011
Bromley Trust	Bromley Trust	On application	Eligibility: charities involved in conservation (with a particular focus on the preservation of the rainforests) although they also support charities in the UK that promote sustainability and help develop responsible knowledge and use of the world's resources. They do not support local conservation projects or charities that work with single species. See www.thebromleytrust.org.uk/criteria.html	ongoing
Ecological research grants	BSBI	research grants up to £1,000; training grants up to £200 (towards a botany course)	Eligibility: support research to enhance knowledge of the flora of the British Isles, including floristic and distributional surveys; taxonomy, systematics and evolution; history of botany in the British Isles; population biology; ecological genetics; conservation biology; ecology, including autoecological, physiological and phonological studies; plant/animal interactions, including plant biochemistry. Activities: travel and subsistence for field-work, visits to herbaria, botanic gardens and other scientific institutions; specimen preparation; scientific equipment, consumables and laboratory services; purchase of hardware and software for data handling; publication costs (preparing camera-ready copy, preparation of illustrations, printing). Activities not eligible for funding include: attendance at conferences/scientific meetings; direct contributions to student grants/salaries. See www.bsbi.org.uk	1 April, 1 November 2010
The Chestnut Fund Start up grants		maximum grant will be £120	Eligibility: These are for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence. Activities: The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses, e.g. postage, publicity, hire of meeting rooms, telephone bills and/or the first year of BTCV	ongoing

	BTCV		Community Network Membership plus Insurance fees. See http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/community_network	
Support grants		maximum grant will be £350	Eligibility: These are for groups who have no money for tools, equipment and training. Preference will be given to resources selected from BTCV sources. Activities: This grant is available to all BTCV Community Network groups, regardless of how long they have been members. (Groups within their first year of membership can apply for both the start-up grant and the support grant). Forms can be obtained from your <u>local BTCV office</u> or the Community Network Administrator on 01302 388 834. Please note that in order to apply, the group must return the form to the local BTCV office for approval before it can be processed by the Community Unit. See http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/community_network	ongoing
Charles Hayward Foundation	Charles Hayward Foundation	£1,000 - £20,000; small grants scheme up to £5,000 for orgs. with a turnover <£250,000	Eligibility: predominantly funds capital costs; great emphasis on projects that are developmental or innovative, preventive or provide early intervention. Funding is provided for purchase of land or reclamation of recently purchased land to be used for nature reserves or inner-city gardens, parks etc, where these will be maintained in perpetuity. Exclusions include endangered species and environmental conservation See www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/type/type.htm	anytime (trustees meet four times per year)
Ecominds	Ecominds	up to £200,000	Eligibility: projects must: have both a mental health and environmental perspective; be submitted by an England-based group and applied in England; be thoroughly planned and relevant to the environment; involve people with direct experience of mental distress; encourage community access and collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability; have a budget falling within one of our four levels: under £20,000; between £20,001 and 60,000; between £60,001 and £150,000; or under £250,000; be delivered within five years. Applicants must: demonstrate a genuine need for the project; be able to develop a detailed financial plan, budget, and cash flow which will account for the money applied for; have the resources to plan, develop, and manage the project - especially if it involves building work or buying land; have the resources to compile basic legal documents; have the skills to manage the project, develop a detailed timeframe including milestones, and deliver the scheme outcomes. See www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/	anytime

Main Fund		average is £50,000 but will consider requests for less or more	Eligibility: primary interest's are in the UK's cultural life, education, the natural environment and enabling people who are disadvantaged to participate more fully in society; they fund core costs or project costs but generally not equipment costs See www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/index.html	anytime
Strands	Esmée Fairburn	range of grant sizes, with a small number of larger grants (£100,000+) complemented by smaller awards	Eligibility: the Biodiversity strand focuses on species and habitats that are uncharismatic or hard to fund and aims to support the development of effective conservation approaches. This strand aims to help develop a greater knowledge and understanding of our environment, where this is linked to clear conservation outcomes; linking science and practical action, the strand will prioritise partnership applications involving research organisations, practical conservation charities and voluntary nature societies; this strand will focus on overcoming technical barriers to conservation action, such as a specific knowledge or skills gap or a highly targeted action that is unlikely to attract funding elsewhere. Partnerships of practical conservation organisations, research groups and natural history societies or other volunteer naturalists; projects that incorporate field research, primary data collection, and improve identification skills; work that shows wider policy impacts Conservation of species and habitats that may be considered uncharismatic by the general public but are of particular interest; work on multiple sites, or across major landscape features. See www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/index.html	anytime
Garfield Weston	Garfield Weston Trust	no formal guidelines and organisations are invited to use their discretion	Eligibility: UK registered charities; grants are for a single year; do not fund specific salaries or posts; organisations should have already raised the majority of funding before an approach is made. See www.garfieldweston.org/policy/ApplicantsGuidelines.pdf	anytime
Heritage Grants	Heritage Lottery Fund	£50,000+	Eligibility: three aims which relate to learning, conservation and participation. Biodiversity can be part of projects conserving habitats and species, projects focusing on biological information and improving our understanding of natural heritage, as well as wider conservation projects. Other types of heritage projects can also take into account opportunities for maximising biodiversity. See www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/furtherresources/Pages/Thinkingaboutbiodiversity.aspx	rolling programme
Your Heritage		£3,000 - £50,000	Eligibility: three aims which relate to learning, conservation and participation. To receive a grant your project must: help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage. Your project must also do either or both of the following: conserve the UK's diverse heritage	anytime

			<p>for present and future generations to experience and enjoy; help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage.</p> <p>Heritage includes many different things from the past that we value and want to pass on to future generations. projects might include: people's memories and experiences; histories of people, communities, places and events; cultural traditions; historic buildings and townscapes; archaeological sites; collections of items, archives or other materials; natural and designed landscapes; habitats and species; sites and collections linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history.</p> <p>See www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YourHeritage/</p>	
Entry, Higher & Organic Level Stewardship	Natural England	various	<p>Stewardship aims to deliver significant environmental benefits in high priority situations and areas and to help landowners manage land in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • produce 'public benefits' (things that are useful to society and people such as clean water, wildlife and access to beautiful landscapes) • is not environmentally damaging and, where possible, contributes to the improvement of the environment • is more fully integrated into the communities in which it operates, so that people understand why the land is being managed in a particular way and how they can experience the benefits themselves <p>See www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/default.aspx</p>	anytime
It's your Community	O2	up to £1,000	<p>Eligibility: projects that are sustainable (will keep going once money is spent); non-political and non-religious; based in the UK; on public or accessible land; ready to go; small enough that £1,000 will make a difference.</p> <p>Excluded are one off events or workshops; fundraising activities; professional fees; school projects that don't involve the wider community</p> <p>See www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk/ApplyForAnAward.aspx</p>	closed
Local Food Grants	Big Lottery Fund	£2,000 - £300,000	<p>Eligibility: allotments; box schemes; catering (cafés or subsidised meals); celebrating food cultures; city farms; community food growing projects; community gardens; community land management; permaculture design; community seed exchanges; community supported agriculture; composting; education & learning (food related); farmers' markets; food co-operatives; redistribution of food; school grounds; sharing best practice, information; dissemination and networking.</p> <p>See www.localfoodgrants.org/grants</p>	Currently suspended
Naturesave		£100 - £10000	Seeks to financially assist those projects that deal with the root of a specific environmental and/or	anytime

			conservationist problem and those that encourage the greater commercial adoption of sustainable development.	
Processing and Marketing Grant	Defra	£70,000 - £1.2million	Eligibility: capital grants for processing and marketing facilities for primary agricultural products; aimed at helping farmers in England to become more competitive. See www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/regulat/forms/erdp/pmg/pmg-guidance.htm	anytime
UK Mammals Grants	PTES	£250 - £30,000	Eligibility: scientific research; practical habitat management work; reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational project from voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers, individuals and consortia for financial support. Activities: priority will be given to work likely to further the aims of BAP and similar initiatives. See www.ptes.org/files/307_mammals_guidelines_and_conditions.pdf	22 nd November 2010
Worldwide Grants		£500 - £10,000	Eligibility: prefer to fund a project in its entirety; focus on sound research or conservation work that immediately benefit the species concerned; outcomes that are clear and sustainable within the local community; do not usually cover core salary costs; work aimed at the preservation of endangered species either through research or practical field work. See www.ptes.org/files/202_guidelines_and_conditions.pdf	7 th June 2010
Conservation of the Natural Environment Initiative	Tubney Trust	undisclosed	Eligibility: enhancement of UK biodiversity through work with land owners on a landscape scale; conservation of the marine biodiversity of the UK; conservation of uncharismatic UK species. See www.tubney.org.uk/index.html	bids on an invitation only basis enquire via website
Farmed Animal Welfare Initiative		undisclosed	Eligibility: Catalysing changes among those involved in the production, consumption and regulation of animals reared for food. Addressing the most pressing species-specific farmed animal welfare concerns, including Strengthening the farmed animal welfare sector See www.tubney.org.uk/index.html	bids on an invitation only basis enquire via website
Woodland Grant Scheme	Forestry Commission	various	Eligibility: funds capital investment in woodlands, over an agreed period, to create, enhance and sustain an increase in the quantity and quality of public benefits delivered. See www.forestry.gov.uk/england-advice	anytime
Trees for Communities & Schools	Tree Council	£100-£700	Eligibility: schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. The Tree Council's National Tree Week (this year from 25 November to 6 December) is the focus for these projects and successful applicants organise their planting events in conjunction with the annual celebration of the new tree	Open for applications from December 2009 with a 31 st May

			<p>planting season.</p> <p>Successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs.</p> <p>See www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants</p>	2010 deadline
Access Management Grant Scheme	Natural England	Various up to 75% of costs	<p>Eligibility: Local Authorities funding available on Open Access Land for 2009/10 to improve site access, path improvements, infrastructure, interpretation, wardening etc.</p>	applications must be in and approved by September 2010
People's Millions	Big Lottery Fund	<p>Projects up to £50,000</p> <p>Up to four awards (3 winners plus 1 bonus award) in this region</p>	<p>Eligibility: projects that provide opportunities for people to enjoy their local area, whether indoors or out, and improve local facilities for all to enjoy run by groups/orgs such as Voluntary and community groups Local authorities; schools; statutory health bodies and social enterprises.</p> <p>Projects that help people to transform or enjoy their environment or communities. That means local facilities, public and green spaces, and community groups are considered.</p> <p>See www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/about-the-peoples-millions</p>	14 th May 2010
Enriching Nature	SITA	<p>£500,000 allocated for South East region</p> <p>Small projects up to 25K</p> <p>Large projects up to 175K</p>	<p>Eligibility: projects must be within 10 miles of a landfill site (majority of locations on the IW fulfil this criteria). They provide funding to support species and habitats that have been identified as a priority by the Biodiversity Action Planning process. SITA Trust can fund physical improvements at specified sites, as well as monitoring and research at specific sites.</p> <p>Not for profit organisations, charities, and Local Authorities can apply.</p> <p>See: www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/nature</p>	25 th June 2010
Community Woods	Woodland Trust	On application	<p>Eligibility: The Woodland Trust want to assist everyone who is interested in woodland creation.</p> <p>See: www.rontpage.woodland-trust.org.uk/communitywoodlandnetwork/aboutus/grants.htm</p>	currently closed, hope to offer new grants in Spring 2011
Trees for all		£100	<p>The woodland Trust are currently reviewing the £100 community tree planting grants and are therefore not accepting new applications at the moment.</p> <p>See: www.treeforall.org.uk/GetDigging/Events+grants.htm</p>	grant scheme currently being under review

Natural History Societies & Recording Schemes	OPAL	Between £1,000 and £4,000	<p>Eligibility: The Grants Scheme is open to all national and local natural history societies, recording schemes and similar groups that are active within England, including regional branches of national organisations. The group's primary focus must be biological</p> <p>See: www.opalexplornature.org/?q=Societyfunding</p>	4 th May 2010
Local Sources				
Community projects	West Wight Landscape partnership	£300,000	<p>Eligibility: Money totalling £300,000 is available to assist projects that support the landscape and heritage of the West Wight. The two main aims of the grants programme are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To conserve and enhance the historic and natural landscape of the West Wight and 2) To help more people, and a wider range of people, learn about and enjoy the heritage of the West Wight. <p>Activities: All projects will need to demonstrate community benefit and compliment the area within which they will be based.</p> <p>See www.westwight.org</p>	Ongoing until 2012
Rural Community council	Rural Community council		<p>Eligibility: applicants must fill out form with project ideas before any grant information is disclosed. Projects must be located within the rural communities of the Island. Rural Community Council to do administer funds but can help direct you to potential sources.</p> <p>See www.iwrcc.org.uk/119/funding_enquiries.aspx</p>	ongoing
Grassroots Grant	Rural Community council	£250 - £5,000	<p>Eligibility: have been active in their local community for a year or more; have an average income over the last three years of less than £20000; work for the benefit of their local community; are led by volunteers; have a written set of rules or constitution. Will not fund Local Authorities including Town & Parish Councils.</p> <p>Activities: Grants can be wide ranging including equipment purchase, events, training, staffing costs and overheads. Applications for large items of equipment (over £500) are welcomed.</p>	ongoing
Sustainable Development Fund	AONB	£2000 - £ 20,000	<p>Eligibility: each AONB has a grant and its own grants panel which administers this. Grants are for innovative projects that conserve and enhance the landscape and contribute to sustainable development in protected areas. Public, private, voluntary sector, individuals, businesses or community groups can apply. Individuals or businesses can only be beneficiaries where the project shows a clear benefit to the wider community.</p> <p>Projects should help deliver the AONB management plan and meet one or more of the SDF grant</p>	April 2010 contact: joel.bateman@iow.gov.uk

			<p>sustainability criteria.</p> <p>See www.wightaonb.org.uk/en/projects/funding.aspx#sdf</p>	
JIGSAW	Forestry Commission	contribution of up to £2,000 per Ha for linking woodland	<p>Eligibility: applications will only be considered from the outline target areas (northern half of the IW).</p> <p>Activities: Work must directly support the Red Squirrel and the JIGSAW scheme in linking up isolated and fragment areas of woodland via the planting of native species.</p> <p>See www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7kmhz3</p>	ongoing
COMMA	ACRE	£3,000 - £20,000	<p>Eligibility: you will need to be located in one of the 23 qualifying areas and must be supported by one of the 23 Rural Community Councils in whose areas the fund is applicable. Your Rural Community Council will assess projects against national criteria and will submit shortlisted projects to ACRE.</p> <p>The community where the project is based is/has been affected by aggregates extraction or transportation of aggregates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project is within 10 kilometres of an aggregates site, either current or disused • project must benefit the whole community or section of the community, not an individual • The applicant must be a community organisation, a charity or a parish council • All project works funded by COMMA <p>See www.acre.org.uk/sustainabledevelopment_comma.html</p>	14 th May 2010
CPRE Green Grant for IW Schools	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Up to £200	<p>The IW Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is offering Island schools the chance of obtaining up to £200 to help turn their green ideas into action. Pupils are being given the challenge to come up with ideas that benefit their school, community and the Island's environment.</p> <p>Eligibility: To encourage enterprise the pupils are being given the challenge to raise some of the money required for their green project. The local branch of CPRE will then match that amount, from £50 to maximum of £200. Schools must already be members of the Eco Schools and working towards the Silver Award.</p> <p>See: www.eco-schools.org.uk</p>	More details can be obtained from ray@footprint-trust.co.uk or Tel 822282