

# NORTH WEST BIODIVERSITY FORUM

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## FUNDING SOURCES FOR BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS IN THE NORTH WEST

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This guide is intended to assist in the development of biodiversity projects in the North West by identifying suitable funding sources. Its primary purpose is to signpost the reader to the relevant funding stream, by providing some information on each scheme and programme. European and national funding sources are included along with some regional and local schemes, however this list should by no means be considered exhaustive, particularly at the local level, details of funding available through Local Authorities and other very localised schemes are not included.

These documents will be updated on a 6 monthly basis to capture changes in funding regimes and new opportunities for funding biodiversity projects.

Within the table major recent changes are coded as follows:

	New funds or those which have recently re-opened to applicants
	Funds which are currently closed or under review

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## European

	<b>Life +</b>	The main aim of the LIFE+ programme will be to contribute to the development and implementation of EU environmental policy and legislation. It will focus in particular on pollution, climate change, nature and biodiversity, natural resources and waste, and environmental governance and awareness-raising. It covers the 6 <sup>th</sup> Environment Action Programme from 2002-2012.					
		Nature and Biodiversity – This is considered as a way to increase funding for Natura 2000	Focuses on the implementation of the EU Habitat and Wild Bird Directives. - To be used for strengthening the knowledge needed for developing, assessing, monitoring and evaluating EU nature and biodiversity policy and legislation.	This theme has 78% of Life + budget allocation, with 50% ring-fenced for Nature and Biodiversity projects.  Usually 50% of the project funded rising to 75% when clearly targeting priority species or habitats.	Complex!	First call for papers will be issued 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 07	See <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/pdf/awp_life_2007.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/pdf/awp_life_2007.pdf</a>
		Environment Policy and Governance	-Development and demonstration of innovative policy approaches and instruments -Development, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of environmental policy and legislation -Monitoring and assessment of the state of the environment -Facilitate implementation -Environmental governance				
		Information and Communication	-Disseminate information and raise awareness -Accompanying measures such as information, communication campaigns, conferences etc.				
	<b>Structural Funds</b>	EU structural funds exist to help areas of Europe which are suffering difficulties. The funds are intended to be used to help sponsor projects which will directly address locally identified needs.					
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## National

### a. Natural England/DEFRA Schemes

	<b>Environmental Stewardship Scheme</b>	<p>Environmental Stewardship is a new agri-environment scheme which provides funding to farmers and other land managers in England who deliver effective environmental management on their land.</p> <p>The scheme is intended to build on the recognised success of the Environmental Sensitive Areas scheme and the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.</p>					
	Entry Level Scheme (ELS)	<p>ELS is a 'whole farm' scheme open to all farmers and land managers who farm their land conventionally.</p> <p>There are 50 simple management options to choose from to gain points – need 30 points per ha.</p>	funded at £30 per ha per year for all the land entered into the scheme	<p>Must be on Rural Land Registry.</p> <p>Easy to apply without need for guidance from RDS advisor or independent agent.</p>	<p>Agreements last 5 years.</p> <p>Four quarterly start dates (1<sup>st</sup> Feb/ May/ August and Nov.)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/schemes/es">www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/schemes/es</a></p> <p>Natural England Crewe Office 08456 024093 <a href="mailto:BDCNW.Genesis@defra.gsi.gov.uk">BDCNW.Genesis@defra.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>	
	Organic Entry Level Scheme (OELS)	<p>OELS is a 'whole farm' scheme similar to the ELS, open to farmers who manager all or part of their land organically and who are not receiving aid under the Organic Aid Scheme or Organic Farming Scheme.</p> <p>Automatically receive 30 points per ha for organic land entered into scheme. Required to deliver 60 points of management options per ha.</p>	funded at £60 per ha per year for all organic land entered into the scheme	Organic land entered must be registered as 'fully organic' or in conversion with an Organic Inspection Body.	Agreements as with ELS.	As ELS	

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		Higher Level Scheme (HLS)	<p>HLS is combined with ELS or OELS options, aims to deliver significant environmental benefits in high priority situations and areas. Payments are available for a range of capital works.</p> <p>A Farm Environment Plan is produced to identify possible land management options, with 'indicators of success' agreed identifying achievement of the ground and by when.</p>	Payments depend on the choice of options.	As with ELS, but must produce a Farm Environment Plan with RDS advisor or independent agent.		As ELS
	<b>Land Purchase Grants</b>		<p>Grants to assist with the purchase of important land by voluntary conservation organisations for nature conservation.</p> <p>Land purchase grants will be used to make a contribution to the delivery of the PSA target. Priority will be given to Natura 2000 sites in unfavourable condition.</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>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 and depending on the opportunities for leverage of other funds.</p> <p>However, land purchase grants are normally in the order of £10,000.</p>	<p>Applicants must be voluntary conservation organisations with a good track record in land management.</p> <p>The lands purchase grants electronic service allows applicants to track the progress of their application.</p>		<p><a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/conservation/grants-funding">www.naturalengland.org.uk/conservation/grants-funding</a></p> <p>Natural England Land Purchase Grants Team 01733 455145 <a href="mailto:william.ducroz@english-nature.org.uk">william.ducroz@english-nature.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:anne.barr@english-nature.org.uk">anne.barr@english-nature.org.uk</a></p>
	<b>Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund</b>	Land and Community-based Grant Scheme	The Land and Community-based grant scheme support projects that reduce the effects of land based aggregate extraction on access, biodiversity, communities, geodiversity, informal recreation and landscapes.	<p>Total fund is £5 million for 2007/08</p> <p>Project costs between £5,000 and £350,000.</p> <p>Most funded projects</p>	Projects should show that there is, or has been, an impact directly from aggregates extraction and its associated activities upon the local area or	Deadline for 2007/08 now passed	<p><a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/conservation/grants-funding">www.naturalengland.org.uk/conservation/grants-funding</a></p> <p>Natural England ALSF grants team 01476 584821 <a href="mailto:alfsgrants@english-nature.org.uk">alfsgrants@english-nature.org.uk</a></p>

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				funded between 50-75% of project costs.	community.		<a href="http://nature.org.uk">nature.org.uk</a>
	<b>Reserves Enhancement Scheme</b>		This grant is for Voluntary Conservation Organisations who manage Sites of Special Scientific Interest as nature reserves. These grants contribute to the day-to-day management of these sites.			Grants cover a five-year period	Natural England RES team:  01733 455129 or 01733 455138
	<b>Hill Farm Allowance</b>		The aim of the scheme is to help preserve the farmed upland environment by ensuring land in upland Less Favoured Areas are managed in a sustainable way.  Farmers must have at least 10 ha of eligible forage land within the LFA on which suckler cows or breeding sheep are kept, at a min. stocking density of 0.15 livestock per ha.	Comprise basic area payments dependent upon land type within the LFA.	No specific application, but claimants must be registered in the Single Payment scheme.	Scheme currently under review for 2007 payments	<a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/">www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/</a>  Rural Payments Agency 01392 266103 <a href="mailto:jeff.tremayne@rpa.gsi.gov.uk">jeff.tremayne@rpa.gsi.gov.uk</a>

### b. Forestry Commission Schemes

	<b>England Woodland Grant Scheme (eWGS)</b>	This is the FCs suite of grants designed to develop the co-ordinated delivery of public benefits from England's woodlands. There are a range of grants available under two approaches: Stewardship of existing woodland; and, creation of new woodlands. Applications received before relevant closing date (with exception of WCG) will be considered on a first come, first served basis.					
		Woodland Planning Grant (WPG)	WPG contributes to the costs of producing management plans for existing woodlands that meet the planning requirements of the UK Woodland Assurance (UKWA) Standard	Depends on area of woodland: 3 – 30 ha = £300 30 – 100 ha = £10 p. ha Additional area over 100 ha = £5 p. ha	Application must be approved before plan started. Only 1 plan per property. All woodland on the property must be included. The total woodland area under the plan must be >3 ha.	Application deadline 28 Feb 2008	<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infodccn3">www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infodccn3</a>  01768 776616 <a href="mailto:northwestfce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">northwestfce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>

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		Woodland Assessment Grant (WAG)	WAG contributes to the standard costs of undertaking specified assessments if the Forestry Commission considers that further information is required before decisions can be made about work in the woodland.	Ecological Assessment - £5.60 p. ha Landscape Design Plan - £2.80 p. ha Historic & Culture Assess. - £5.60 p. ha Stakeholder Interest - £300 p. assessment	Applicants normally invited to apply where known sensitivities apply. Non-woodland sites are not eligible.	Application deadline 28 Feb 2008	<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-dccyv">www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-dccyv</a>  01768 776616 <a href="mailto:northwestfce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">northwestfce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>
		Woodland Regeneration Grant (WRG)	WRG contributes to the costs of making changes to the composition of woodland within the normal cycle of felling and woodland regeneration.	Grants depend on change, includes conifer plantation, broadleaf plantation and those on Ancient Woodland Sites. Ranges from £350 p. ha - £1760 p. ha	Not eligible if trees felled illegally, or in unsustainable or insensitive way. Conifers and exotic shrub species not included by grant requirements.	Application deadline 28 Feb 2008	<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-dcd69">www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-dcd69</a>  01768 776616 <a href="mailto:northwestfce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">northwestfce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>
		Woodland Improvement Grant (WIG)	WIG funds capital investment in woodlands, over an agreed period, to create, enhance and sustain <i>an increase in the quantity and quality of public benefits delivered</i> .  It is aligned with ES Higher Level Scheme (HLS).  There are 3 WIG funds: i. Woodland BAP fund ii. Woodland SSSI Condition Improvement iii. Woodland Access.	Paid as one or more contributions to the standard costs over a five-year agreement period.  Initial contribution rate is 50-80% of the agreed costs depending on the fund and region.	Linked to the Regional Forestry Frameworks for priorities.  No pre-defined eligible activities – responsive to woodland potential	Application deadline 28 Feb 2008	<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-dce98">www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-dce98</a>  01768 776616 <a href="mailto:northwestfce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">northwestfce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>

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		Woodland Management Grant (WMG)	WMG aims to encourage low key, sustainable woodland practice. It is designed to protect the delivery of existing benefits to the public and improve the capacity of the woodland to increase these	The grant is £30 p. ha for 5 years.	Most applications should include appropriate: 1. open space management 2. management of deadwood and veteran trees 3. management of cultural/archaeological features  Woodland properties over 30ha not certified to UKWA standard not eligible.	Application deadline 28 Feb 2008	<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/ewgs6-guide.pdf/\$FILE/ewgs6-guide.pdf">www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/ewgs6-guide.pdf/\$FILE/ewgs6-guide.pdf</a>  01768 776616 <a href="mailto:northwestce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">northwestce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>
		Woodland Creation Grant (WCG)	This grant supports the establishment of new woodlands that meet national and regional priorities. The grant is available on a competitive and regional basis, using scoring systems that select applications based on best fit with the public benefit priorities	Two grant rates: 1. Standard, Small Standard, Native, Community Woodland - £1800 p.ha broadleaf / £1200 p.ha conifers. 2. Special Broadleaved Woodland - £700 p.ha for broadleaf.	There is no minimum size for new woodland. However, the requirement is to create woodland rather than a group of trees, so planting areas normally no less than 0.25 ha and no narrower than 30m on average.  Woodland intended for Xmas tree growth or biomass fuel not eligible.  See website for further eligibility criteria.	Closing date for applications 28 Sept. 2007	<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6dcegu">www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6dcegu</a>  01768 776616 <a href="mailto:northwestce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">northwestce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>  See also: <a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/ewgs7a-nw-scoreform.pdf/\$FILE/ewgs7a-nw-scoreform.pdf">www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/ewgs7a-nw-scoreform.pdf/\$FILE/ewgs7a-nw-scoreform.pdf</a>  for North West scoring information
<b>c. National Lottery Schemes</b>							
	<b>Heritage Lottery Fund</b>	Heritage Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out half the money for good causes raised by the national lottery. It enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage.					

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		Landscape Partnerships	This fund allows partnerships representing a range of heritage and community interests to tackle the needs of landscapes whose various elements may be in differing ownership.	Grants between £250k - £2m to deliver up to a 3 year programme.  10% match for projects <£1m 25% match for projects >£1m	Partnership needed.  Pre-application advice available.  Planning grants available to support costs for designing scheme.	Assessed twice a year. From 2005, the closing date for Stage 1 applications will be 1st April and 1st October.	<a href="http://www.hlf.org.uk">www.hlf.org.uk</a>  0161 831 0850
		Parks for People (with Big Lottery Fund)	This 3 year initiative between HLF and BIG helps with the restoration and regeneration of public parks and gardens, including squares, walks and promenades in England. The programme is aimed at not-for-profit organisations that can plan, manage and deliver the project.	The fund covers projects £250k to £5 m. It includes provision for a development grant. (£50k)  25% of the project costs raised from other sources either as cash or in-kind contributions	Project within a public park (defined by HLF).  2 stage process – Stage 1 competitive.  Max. 5 years revenue funding, 3 year capital funding.	Twice per annum: 31 March & 30 Sept..	<a href="http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/">www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/</a>  020 7591 6000 <a href="mailto:enquire@hlf.org.uk">enquire@hlf.org.uk</a>
		Heritage Grants	This ongoing grant scheme offers grants of £50,000 or more to non-profit organisations to: conserve and enhance our diverse heritage, or encourage more people to be involved in their heritage, or both. Projects might include nature, conservation, museum collections and archive collections.  Grants available to fund for 5 years.	Grants over £50,000. For grants over £5m HLF must be contacted prior to application.  For grants under £1m, match of 10% must be provided; to 25% for over £1m. Match can be in-kind funding.	Project planning grants available.  Partnership required.	Varied assessment depending on grant size. Grants £2-5m assessed quarterly, over £5m Jan/June. Grants £50k – £2m assessed quarterly by regional trustees.	See <a href="http://www.hlf.org.uk">www.hlf.org.uk</a>  020 7591 6042
	<b>Big Lottery Fund</b>	Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out half the money for good causes raised by the national lottery. Funding covers health, education, environment, and charitable purposes. The BLF is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need.					

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		Breathing Places	The Breathing Places grants programme is a UK wide small grants programme, developed in partnership with the BBC. It complements the BBC's Breathing Places campaign and is designed to provide funding for small groups who are inspired by this campaign	Funding available between £300 - £10k per project.  Funding for one year only.	On-line application and guidance forms.	13 Dec 2006	<a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</a>  0845 4 10 20 30.
		Community Spaces	A £50m open grant scheme providing funding and support to community groups to create or improve green and open spaces. These may include: play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas, ponds etc. Fund administered by Groundwork.	Funding between £10k – 50k. In addition, a small number of large grants (up to £450k) available		Applications from spring 2008	<a href="http://www.community-spaces.org.uk">www.community-spaces.org.uk</a>
		Access to Nature					

#### d. Charitable Trusts

	<b>Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation</b>		Fund covering a wider variety of projects including those that centre on heritage, youth, community and conservation.	Grants of between £1000 and £200,000. Most between £1-3k.	Registered charities and schools are eligible to apply. Match funding is not a general requirement	Applications can be made at any time. Need to include annual reports and accounts	020 7408 2198 <a href="mailto:asstdirbsunleycharfund@ukgateway.net">asstdirbsunleycharfund@ukgateway.net</a>
	<b>BTCV Chestnut Fund</b>	The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity, making grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities.					
		Start up grants	Grants for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of association or about to associate to BTCV. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses.	Up to £100	Groups must be part of the BTCV Community Network to qualify (see website for joining instructions)  Forms can be obtained from local	TBC	<a href="http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/community_network">www2.btcv.org.uk/display/community_network</a>  Community Unit 01302 388 842

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		Support grants	Grants for groups who have no money for tools, equipment and training. Preferences will be given to resources selected from BTCV sources. This grant is available to all BTCV associated groups regardless of how long they have been associated.	Up to £300	BTCV offices or the Community Unit.  Completed forms must be returned to the local BTCV office for approval before processing by the Community Unit.		
	<b>Black Environment Network</b>	Ethnic Minorities Award Scheme for Environmental Projects (EMAS)	A small scheme aimed at schools, community groups and individuals undertaking projects which concern the environment and involve people from ethnic minorities.  Funds innovative projects which do not fit into the grant categories of other larger environmental grant schemes.	Projects up to £500  Also offers an advice and funding referral service for projects which can access funds from larger existing grant schemes from elsewhere or needing over £500	Send SAE for application form	TBC	<a href="http://www.ben-network.org.uk/grants/emas.html">www.ben-network.org.uk/grants/emas.html</a>  01286 870715 <a href="mailto:ukoffice@ben-network.co.uk">ukoffice@ben-network.co.uk</a>
	<b>Bromley Trust</b>	<b>Currently focused on supporting rainforest activity for next 3 years.</b>	Includes grants to charities in the UK that promote sustainability and help develop responsible knowledge and use of the world's resources.	No size limit. Grants are made bi-annually, usually for a period of 2-3 years, but occasionally one off grants are made.	Downloadable questionnaire to be submitted by e-mail.  Short-listed projects will be asked to submit audited accounts and annual review.  Grant committee make recommendations to the trustees bi-annually  Grants are made to UK registered charities only.		<a href="http://www.thebromleytrust.org.uk">www.thebromleytrust.org.uk</a>

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	<b>Charles Hayward Foundation</b>	Heritage and Conservation	Predominantly funding capital costs the CHF places great emphasis on funding projects that are developmental or innovative. Funding areas include "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"	Funding available between £10,000 - £25,000 per project.	Initial application in writing following published guidelines (see website)  Normally grants are made to UK registered and exempt charities only.	Trustees meet 4 times per year to consider applications	<a href="http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk">www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk</a>  020 7370 7063 or 020 7370 7067
	<b>Conservation Foundation and O2</b>	It's Your Community	Support for all types of environmental projects for the hire of tools or equipment and to purchase plants, signs, materials etc.	Up to £1,000 to local organisations and individuals	Application forms are available in O2 shops nationwide or by e-mail from the Conservation Foundation, or through website.	TBC	<a href="http://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/ActLocalAwards.php">www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/ActLocalAwards.php</a>  Libby Symon 0207 591 3111
	<b>Esmee Fairburn Foundation</b>	Environment Programme: UK Biodiversity	The aim is to conserve 'hard-to-fund', or lower profile, UK native species and habitats under demonstrable threat of loss or decline in urban, rural or marine areas. It particularly welcomes applications for: work that links fragmented habitats, provides access corridors for isolated populations of plant or animal species, or which promotes landscape scale management techniques; recreating habitat largely lost to intensive agriculture; control of invasive species where they can be shown to have a detrimental impact on native plant or animal populations; and, work that promotes the creation of marine reserves and 'no take' zones.	There is no maximum grant size. However, fund request can include core project and running costs, including staff salaries and overheads.  Funding is usually between 1 – 3 years.  This fund will not normally support local green space projects, or those for species already well supported.	The purpose for which you are applying must be legally charitable and your constitution must allow you to carry out the work you propose.  There are full online guidelines for applicants.  Websites, publications, seminars and conferences are not supported. Also, limited capital support except for landscape scale conservation land purchase.	Applications can be sent anytime, with the Trust meeting quarterly to decide funding (dates not published).	<a href="http://www.esmeefairburn.org.uk/programmes/env.html">www.esmeefairburn.org.uk/programmes/env.html</a>  020 7297 4722 <a href="mailto:info@esmeefairburn.org.uk">info@esmeefairburn.org.uk</a>
	<b>Garfield Weston Foundation</b>		GWF is a general grant giving charity making grants in many areas, including environmental projects.	No size limit, the trustees consider every application on it's own merits.	Apply in writing with covering letter and application form (available online)	No deadlines, applications are normally processed within 3 months	<a href="http://www.garfieldweston.org">www.garfieldweston.org</a>  020 7399 6565

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				One off donations provided only, no forward funding. The fund will contribute to general running costs but not an individuals salary.	UK registered or exempt charities only.	of receipt	
	<b>J Paul Getty Jr Charitable Trust</b>	Conservation	The Trust aims to fund projects to alleviate poverty and misery in general, and unpopular causes in particular, within the UK. The main beneficial areas include Conservation and the Environment. It covers mainly gardens, historic landscapes and wilderness. (See Website for exclusions)	Usually in the £5,000-£15,000 range for both capital and revenue.	A letter no more that 2 sides long. (See website for guidelines)  The trustees favour small community and local projects which make good use of volunteers.  Priority is given to those projects in less prosperous locations.	No deadlines, all letters will be answered within 6 weeks. Short-listed projects will be considered by trustees at 4 meetings per year.	<a href="http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk">www.jpgettytrust.org.uk</a>
	<b>Mercers' Company</b>	Heritage and the Arts fund	UK Wildlife and Environment Conservation is supported within the Heritage and Arts category of funding and includes: Endangered Species, Flora and Fauna and their habitat, Important historic gardens and open spaces, marine conservation	£500 to £7,500 occasionally larger	Applicants must be UK or exempt charities  See website for guidelines  Send written details of planned work and funding needs on 2 sides of A4 paper. You must also enclose your most recent statutory report and accounts. Short listed applications will then be sent an application form and further guidance.	Heritage and Arts committee meets 4 times per year.	<a href="http://www.mercers.co.uk">www.mercers.co.uk</a>  Grants officer (Heritage and Arts) 0207 776 7235 <a href="mailto:mail@mercers.co.uk">mail@mercers.co.uk</a>
	<b>Naturesave Trust</b>		A broad scope of projects is funded. Financial assistance is provided to those projects that	TBC	Application form available on website	TBC	<a href="http://www.naturesave.co.uk">www.naturesave.co.uk</a>

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			deal with the root of a specific environmental or conservation problem and those that encourage greater commercial adoption of sustainable development.				01803 864390
	<b>People's Trust for Endangered Species</b>	Scientific Research & Conservation	PTES runs a fund for scientific researchers and conservationists for financial support for work that is aimed at the conservation of individual endangered species. Priority is given to those projects that are likely to lead to a lasting benefit to the species concerned.	Grants are usually in the region of £500 to £10,000.  The fund will not cover student fees and living costs, or the core salary costs of an organisation. It will not fund the core costs of an organisation..	Online guidance and application form.  Applications should clearly state the IUCN Red List status of the species.	Applications are considered for funding on a quarterly basis. Next deadline mid-Sept 07.	<a href="http://www.ptes.org/">http://www.ptes.org/</a>  0207 74984533 <a href="mailto:enquiries@ptes.org">enquiries@ptes.org</a>
	<b>Tubney Charitable Trust</b>	Conservation of the Natural Environment Programme	The Trust aims to support high-quality projects that will deliver a long-term impact on the protection and enhancement of the natural environment through the achievement of UK BAP targets.  3 types of projects are covered by the fund: 1. Land acquisition 2. Landowner advice 3. Species projects	No limit, but will not support projects under £30,000.  Also, will not support projects if the only funder.	A two-stage application process, with Stage 1 overview.  Applicants must be a UK Charity.  Specific exclusions include projects with a major focus on surveying or recording.	Rolling programme throughout the year.	<a href="http://www.tubney.org.uk">www.tubney.org.uk</a>  0118 958 6100 <a href="mailto:info@tubney.org.uk">info@tubney.org.uk</a>
	<b>Waterways Trust Grant Scheme</b>		Small grants to fund: Waterway wildlife conservation projects, especially ponds linked to canals. Community based projects to improve facilities on canals and inland waterways	Up to £1,000	Application form available on website	Applications should be received by 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2008.	<a href="http://www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk/grants">www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk/grants</a>  <a href="mailto:jenny.rogers@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk">jenny.rogers@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk</a>

#### **e. Landfill Communities Fund (previously Landfill Tax Credit Scheme)**

This fund encourages and enables landfill operators to support a wide range of environmental projects by giving them a 90% tax credit against their donations to

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<p>Environmental Bodies. A wide range of organisation may benefit from these funds, either directly by enrolling as an Environmental Body or by applying to a Distributive Environmental Body. Distributive Environmental Bodies listed here support Object DA of the fund, "delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species and habitats" (see <a href="http://www.ltsc.org.uk">www.ltsc.org.uk</a>)</p>							
	<b>Biffaward</b>	Biodiversity - Delivered through Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts.	The biodiversity fund is aimed at the creation, restoration and management of areas specifically to increase biodiversity. It aims to: conserve and promote biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat in line with relevant local, regional and national Biodiversity Action Plans or other relevant programmes. Also, to maintain and/or recover species in their natural habitats.	Funding limited to £50,000 per project.  Biffaward can be used as match funding. There must be support from key agencies.  Can use to purchase land.	Projects must be registered with ENTRUST prior to application being submitted, and be within 25 miles of a Biffa Waste Service operation.  This fund only supports projects on single sites.  Business Plan needed for projects requesting	Submission anytime, reviewed at quarterly meetings. Expect 20 weeks turnaround.	<a href="http://www.biffaward.org/">www.biffaward.org/</a>  0870 036 1000 <a href="mailto:grant@rswt.org">grant@rswt.org</a>
		Flagship – Delivered through the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts.	A scheme to support community led regeneration schemes of regional and national significance. These are either physical regeneration schemes or biodiversity projects of regional/national significance. Successful applicants will have demonstrated a significant need for the project, either by undertaking feasibility studies, engaging the community, or other appropriate assessment of need, eg. in line with PPG17. Projects must also fit in with regional or national strategies.	Organisations can apply for between £150,000-£500,000 and will have to secure 25 per cent of the total project's cost from an alternative source(s) (in addition to the 10 per cent third party contribution).	£50 k or overall project cost >£50k 2-tier assessment process, with Stage 1 proforma, and applicants invited to proceed to Stage 2. Only 1 project per RDA region funded each year.  Recommended liaise with Biffaward grants officer before applying.  Full application and guidance notes on website.	Applications assessed twice a year in open competition. Deadlines for submission posted on website. Next deadline 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2008.	
	<b>Grantscape</b>	Biodiversity Challenge Fund 2007	Aimed at supporting projects that created, conserved or enhanced the biodiversity across England and Wales,	Approx £2 million available for grants between £200k and £400k	Projects must comply with the requirements of the Landfill Communities Fund, object DA and be	Fund now closed for 2007.	<a href="http://www.grantscape.org.uk/grants.asp">www.grantscape.org.uk/grants.asp</a>  01908 545780 <a href="mailto:helpdesk@grantsca">helpdesk@grantsca</a>

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					located within 10 miles of any landfill site		<a href="http://pe.org.uk">pe.org.uk</a>
	<b>Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust</b>		The ICET mainly supports projects in St.Helens in the region, through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Although priority to this location, other sites will be considered. The fund supports facilitation of works with species and habitats through biodiversity conservation as well as land remediation and community improvement schemes.	No limit specified	Online guidance and application form.  Applicants must register with ENTRUST.		<a href="http://www.coryenvironm.ental.co.uk/">www.coryenvironm.ental.co.uk/</a>  Angela Haymonds 01753 582513 <a href="mailto:ajhaymonds@icet.fr">ajhaymonds@icet.fr</a> <a href="http://eeserve.co.uk">eeserve.co.uk</a>
	<b>Veolia Environmental Trust (ex-Onyx Environmental Trust)</b>		The Trust supports the environment through funding community projects. These include reclaiming disused or ex-landfill and coal mining sites, and improving the natural habitat and encouraging biodiversity through the creation of nature reserves.	Average award is between £30 - £40k with maximum of £150k.  Projects in excess of £100k must submit a business plan with the application.  It won't support projects with total cost over £500k.	Duration of project must not exceed 2 years.  Only supports single site applications within 5 miles of a Veolia environmental service site, or 10 miles to a landfill.  Limited coverage in Cumbria and Lancashire.  Won't fund projects comprising all or mostly revenue and staff costs, unless associated with end product such as managing volunteers.	Currently reviewing application criteria (too many applications)  Application either online or submit by email/post – through an initial project enquiry form.	<a href="http://www.onyxenvtrust.org">www.onyxenvtrust.org</a>  01902 794677 <a href="mailto:info@onyxenvtrust.org">info@onyxenvtrust.org</a>
	<b>CEMEX (ex-RMC)</b>	Community Fund	A relatively small fund, funding around 10 projects a year, with a total fund limit of £150,000 per annum. This fund supports those projects that demonstrate long-	Project limit of £15k.  This fund prefers to fund those projects that do not require	Sites must be within 10 miles, though preferably 3 miles of a CEMEX/RMC operation.	Written expression of interests to be sent to CEMEX office.	<a href="http://www.rmccf.org.uk/index.php?section=home">www.rmccf.org.uk/index.php?section=home</a>  <a href="mailto:cemexcf@yahoo.co">cemexcf@yahoo.co</a>

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			term sustainable management approaches and good community involvement.	part funding. Projects should ideally have no admin costs.	There are online guidance and application forms.	Stage 1 deadline 3.9.07	.uk
	<b>SITA Trust</b>	Enhancing Nature Programme	SITA Trust provides funding for community and wildlife projects within the vicinity of landfill sites. £13.5 million is available for biodiversity projects in England, over 3 years from 2005 through the Enriching Nature Programme.	Large Projects – up to £175,000 Small projects – up to £25,000  Total allocation of £500,000 per annum for North West initially.	Project must be within 10 miles of licensed and registered landfill site.  Project must help achieve BAP targets.  For other limitations – see online guidance material.	4 rounds per year	<a href="http://www.sitatrust.org.uk">www.sitatrust.org.uk</a>  01454 262910 <a href="mailto:kate.engel@sita.co.uk">kate.engel@sita.co.uk</a>
	<b>WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd)</b>	WREN Grant Scheme	The delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species and habitats under DA of Landfill Tax Act.	Funding between £2,000 and £50,000	Capital projects that are within 10 miles of a WRG landfill site or transfer station. (See website for details)  Applications can be accepted from not-for-profit groups with constitutions, such as charities, community groups or Local Authorities  Site specific but can include revenue funding, but only for period of time delivering site based work.		<a href="http://www.wren.org.uk">www.wren.org.uk</a>  01953 717165

## Regional and Sub-Regional

### Cheshire

	<b>Cheshire region</b>	Small Projects	Grants for biodiversity projects in	Up to £1,000		Closed for	<a href="http://www.cheshire-">www.cheshire-</a>
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	<b>Biodiversity Partnership</b>	Grant Scheme	the Cheshire region contributing to: Delivery of objectives and targets for any of the species or habitats included in the Cheshire BAP And/or Delivery of objectives or targets for any of the species or habitats included in the UK BAP			06/07	<a href="http://biodiversity.org.uk">biodiversity.org.uk</a>  Cheshire region BAP Coordinator: Charlotte Harris 01270 610180 <a href="mailto:charris@cheshirewt.cix.co.uk">charris@cheshirewt.cix.co.uk</a>
	<b>Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust</b>		The trust exists to help other charities by making grants to them. They prefer grants to be for purchase of specific items rather than running costs. Priorities for assistance include "natural history and wildlife" and "charities associated with the counties of Cheshire and Hertfordshire".	Grants over £500.	No application form, apply in writing to the Secretary  Registered charities only	The trustees generally meet twice in each year to approve grants.	<a href="http://www.clutterbucktrust.org.uk">www.clutterbucktrust.org.uk</a>  01433 631308 <a href="mailto:secretary@clutterbucktrust.org.uk">secretary@clutterbucktrust.org.uk</a>
<b>Lancashire</b>							
	<b>Lancashire County Council</b>	Green Partnership Award	Assists groups and individuals by providing funding and professional advice. Covers the following: 1. Develop practical environmental improvements; 2. Raise awareness of env. issues; 3. Promote env. projects and events; 4. Celebrate env. actions.  Project should benefit community and/or enhance the environment	Around £500 per project	Not available in Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool.		<a href="http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/grants">www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/grants</a>
		Lancashire Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund	Supports community led projects that can demonstrate area affected by aggregates extraction.		Not available in Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool		<a href="http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/grants/aggregates">www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/grants/aggregates</a>
	<b>Lancashire Environmental Fund</b>	Community Chest	A local Landfill Communities Fund for projects which contribute to community action,	Projects between £2,000 and £7,500	Both the organisation and the project must normally be within	Board meets quarterly	<a href="http://www.lancsenfund.org.uk">www.lancsenfund.org.uk</a>

