Funding Newsletter

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Latest Funding News

Feature!

Aggregates Levy Fund for Wales

The Aggregates Levy is a tax on the commercial quarrying of certain aggregates, paid direct to HM Revenue and Customs. In 2002 the Government decided that some of the money raised by the Aggregates Levy could be used to fund projects that reduce the affect of past, present and future aggregates production, or reduce the need for primary aggregates extraction (quarrying). The Welsh Assembly Government gets a share of this money, currently £1.6 million a year. The Fund is managed by the Welsh Assembly Government and the fund managers are currently inviting applications from; voluntary & community organisations, local authorities and research establishments.

To qualify for funding it is important that an applicant organisation can establish a clear relationship between their project and aggregates extraction. The criteria specifies that there must be demonstrable impact of the aggregates extraction upon local people and their community, the environment or the economy, and the project sponsors much show how their project will reduce these impacts. Application is by completion of their application form available from: ALFW Unit, Policy Branch, Planning Division, Welsh Assembly Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ. email: ALFW@wales.gsi.gov.uk 029 2082 3261 or 029 2080 1492. The application deadlines are **9th April and 13th August 2010**.

WREN - next application deadlines approaching

WREN which provides funding for community, heritage and environmental projects in areas close to landfill sites by awarding grants for environmental, heritage and community projects has announced the first application dates for 2010. Funding is available through three grant programmes. The small grants programme which provides grants between £2,000 and £15,000 with a total project cost of under £50,000; the WREN Main Grant Scheme offers funding of between £15,001 and £50,000 and the Biodiversity Action Fund which provides funding of between £75,000 and £250,000 to deliver biodiversity improvement projects under Object DA. Eligible organisations that can apply for funding include environmental organisations, voluntary groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations and community groups. The application deadlines are the **17th March 2010** for the main and small grants programme and the **29th January 2010** for the Biodiversity Action Fund.

Climate Change Fund Grant Scheme - deadline approaches!

The Welsh Assembly Government has established a Climate Change Fund grant scheme and is working with WCVA and Environment Wales to enable groups to access the funds. The scheme administrators are looking to attract third sector organisations, which have yet to engage with climate change action. These small grants (from £200 to a maximum of £2,000) will be used to help promote, educate and enable those who up until now have not worked to combat climate change. For further information go to: or for advice on making an application, and for copies of the application forms and information pack, please contact WCVA helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or email climatechangefund@environment-wales.org **Applications can be submitted at any time but the closing date is 1 March 2010.**

Live Funding Sources

Theme Guide Key:
Each funding source may be of relevance to one or more of the following themes – which are indicated beside each entry.

CS – The Countryside	AE – Access to the Environment
CV – Conservation	LS – Landscape
CE – Coastal Environment	WE – Wider Environment
SD – Sustainable Development	GH – Geological Heritage

Charities, Trusts and Foundations

Arcadia CV SD
Formerly the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund, Arcadia is a grant-making fund established in 2001. The fund is administered by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) and from 2009 onwards, Arcadia's key mission has been to protect endangered culture and nature. This includes near extinct languages, rare historical archives and museum quality artefacts, and the protection of ecosystems and environments threatened with extinction. The Donor Board identifies grantees according to its scholarly and practical interests and via informed expert advice. **Note! The Arcadia Board does not consider uninvited applications.** For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5bamym

Arthur Rank Centre SD
The Arthur Rank Centre is a collaborative unit supported by the National Churches, the Royal Agricultural Society of England and the Rank Foundation serving the rural community and its churches. The Arthur Rank Centre is committed to supporting the rural community, and has set up the "Computers for Rural People" scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people to take the first step. http://digbig.com/5bafeg

The Ashden Trust CS AE CV WE SD
…is a grant-making charity focusing on climate change, sustainable development and improving the quality of life in poorer communities. The Trust makes small grants (typically between £1,000 - £20,000) to organisations with a track record of delivering innovative and effective projects within the following categories: environmental projects overseas; UK environmental projects; sustainable regeneration; people at risk; community arts; social investment. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/4xnge

The Baring Foundation SD
The Baring Foundation was set up in 1969 to give money to charities and voluntary organisations pursuing charitable purposes. In 40 years they have given over £98 million in grants. The Foundation's budget for grant-making in 2009 was £1.5 million. The Foundation has specific grants programmes concerned with the arts, international development and strengthening the voluntary sector. The Foundation is also working on special initiatives which include: creating a better deal for parents with learning difficulties,

interculturality and **climate change**. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5bamyt

The Beacons Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE
The Beacons Beacons Trust is a charitable company established to help people, communities and voluntary organisations achieve positive environmental conservation and enhancement within the Brecon Beacons National Park. The Trust was established in 2009 with initial funding from the National Grid. For further details about their grants please visit: http://digbig.com/5bacgk

New!

The Bromley Trust ■ CV ■ SD
Amongst other areas of interest the Trust supports charities in the UK that promote sustainability and help develop responsible knowledge and use of the world's resources and projects that deal with climate change. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5bamyw

British Ecological Society (BES) ■ AE
The British Ecological Society offers a wide range of grants to fund both ecological education and ecological projects. The grant categories are:

- Educational grants, Meetings grants, Research grants, Policy grants
- Public Engagement Grant (new - The British Ecological Society actively encourages its members and others to engage the public with exciting and important aspects of ecology. The BES's Public Engagement Grant scheme is to provide support, up to £2,000, to help them do it. (see http://digbig.com/4ykrg)

For more information, including how to apply, please visit: http://digbig.com/4xngj

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation ■ WE
The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is a charitable foundation established in Portugal in 1956 with cultural, educational, social and scientific interests. The purpose of the UK Branch is to help enrich and connect the experiences of people in the UK and Ireland and secure lasting and beneficial change in their lives. The Foundation also has a special interest in supporting those who are most disadvantaged. In 2009 The Foundation introduced a new **Innovation Fund** to support genuinely innovative ideas and unusual partnerships across our cultural, educational and social interests. **This is now the only funding stream open to applications.** Not-for-profit organisations can apply for R&D funding to scope a new idea which enables them to work together with other organisations or experts outside their usual practice, or to enable them to undertake active research into areas they would not normally have the time or money to explore. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5banap

Canoeing Foundation ■ WE
The Canoeing Foundation fund projects that support or promote canoeing ventures for Young People and/or disabled people. Applications are invited that support groups, provide equipment which can be used by a range of individuals. The usual grant is up to £1,000. Deadlines are 30 April and 31 October. http://digbig.com/5bahtd

Coalfields Regeneration Trust ■ SD ■ WE
"One of the major strengths of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust is the flexibility of our funding programmes. They're there to help people, not make them jump through hoops. At the one end of the spectrum we give grants from our 'community chest' to small organisations to help them develop, and at the other end we give large grants of up to £300,000 to bigger voluntary, community and statutory organisations." Our grants

programme is about helping groups who respond to local need". This fund is open to those in coalfield communities. See http://digbig.com/4wyhs for more info.

Conservation Foundation and O2 ■ WE
Awards up to the value of £1000 are available for environmental community projects, such as transformation of derelict land into a wildlife area/tree planting/creating a wildlife pond/renovating neglected river and canal footpaths. Individuals/community groups/local clubs or schools are eligible to apply. Successful applicants are also invited to supply before/after shots to qualify for a 'well done award'. For further details please see: http://digbig.com/4xfrc

The Co-operative Community Fund ■ WE
Provides funding to projects that demonstrate benefits to their local community, have a charitable purpose, and are in line with The Co-operative Group's values and principles. This includes projects that benefit the wider community, such as environmental projects, protecting heritage sites... Groups can apply for between £100 and £5,000 with the average award being £750. http://digbig.com/4xyqh

Country Land and Business Association (CLA) ■ CS ■ AE
The CLA charitable trust awards grants in the region of £2,500 for projects that seek to promote education about the countryside, and improve access to the countryside, for disabled and disadvantaged people.
http://digbig.com/4xngm Link to grant case studies: http://digbig.com/4xngn

CWM Community and Environmental Fund - Wales
The CWM Community and Environmental Fund has funds available for community and environmental projects located in Carmarthenshire. Approximately £200,000 is available each year and all grants will be between £5,000 and £50,000. Two funding rounds each year with decisions in May and November. Website: http://digbig.com/5bacgj. Look in 'grants' section.

Dulverton Trust ■ CV ■ WE
…gives grants to charities. It has several funding priorities including *Conservation* which covers general conservation issues within the United Kingdom with the emphasis being on the protection of wildlife habitats. Single species appeals are rarely considered. Minor grants (charity income up to £400k giving grants up to £3,500) and major grants (charity income above £400k). More information at http://digbig.com/4xnja

E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund ■ WE
In addition to the information and advice on this website, the Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings - from energy efficiency through to micro-generation. Your organisation must benefit specific community groups, namely: Young people; Elderly people; People in fuel poverty. Local community groups and not for profit organisations located in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible. Joint proposals (e.g. with local authorities) will be considered, although the community organisation must lead the application. Funding can only be sought for non-residential facilities. To apply for funding download and complete the application form and Guidance notes on Website: http://digbig.com/5bahsx

The Ernest Cook Trust ■ CS

As well as offering a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people, the Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment or the arts (in the broadest sense) or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy. Since the ECT is a land-based Trust, work which encourages or ensures the continuation of rural skills and crafts is of particular interest to the Trustees. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications. In 2008/09, the ECT Trustees gave £1.7m to support over 450 educational projects. A large grants programme for awards of over £4,000 and a small grants programme for awards of under £4,000 operate throughout the year. Further details of the grant programmes and a list of recent grant recipients is available on their website: http://digbig.com/5banas

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation ■ CV ■ WE

Main Grants The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation's main grants programme seeks to fund, among other things, projects with a particular focus on the natural environment. For further details, please visit: http://digbig.com/4xngg (note: website down at time of checking – 24/08) Strands The Foundation's *Strands* funding programme seeks to fund specific strands of work. These 'strands' will change over time, but applications are currently open for the following areas of interest: biodiversity; museum & heritage collections; new approaches to learning; food and finance; For further details, please visit: http://digbig.com/4xngh

The February Foundation ■ WE

…makes grants to charities for activities in five areas [1]higher education, [2]secondary ed. [3]community based charities [4]national charities [5]charitable causes. A number of areas are funded, including "charities which protect the environment". For a very basic web page, visit http://digbig.com/4ydqa

New!

The GD Charitable Trust ■ WE

The Trust prioritises its grant making in a number of charitable areas including the preservation of the environment. It is not a large fund and past grants have ranged significantly in scale. The Trust prefers to support charities registered with the Charity Commission although it will consider other organisations as long as the purpose of the grant is considered to be charitable. There is no website. Further details are available from G D Charitable Trust, 50 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BL. Tel 020 7227 7000.

The Garfield Weston Foundation ■ WE

…is a UK based, general grant-giving charity, making awards to Registered Charities. (with some exceptions). Recent rounds of funding have helped projects in the following categories: Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Social, Religion, Youth and **Environment**. Recent grants have been large, so check http://digbig.com/4wyhw to see if your project fits the criteria.

The John Ellerman Foundation ■ CV ■ SD ■ WE

The Foundation makes grants in five categories totalling around £5 million a year to about 180 different charities, mostly in the United Kingdom. The categories are: Health and Disability, Social Welfare, Arts, **Conservation**, Overseas. At present the focus of funding is on UK-based charities working throughout the UK in at least one of the following areas: Protection of threatened animals, plants and habitats, promotion of better understanding of and solutions to major environmental issues like climate change and biodiversity, development and extension of conservation facilities / sites, promotion of sustainable ways

of living, including renewable energy technologies. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5banat

The Idlewild Trust ■ CV
A grant making trust supporting registered charities (not individuals) concerned with the encouragement of excellence in the performing and fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance. Occasional support is given for **conservation of the natural environment**. Grants are in the region of £1,000 to £2,000 http://digbig.com/4ydmd

The Jephcott Charitable Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE ■ SD
One of the Jephcott Trust's funding priorities is 'the natural environment'. The Trust gives priority to one-off payments to projects that are experiencing difficulty in getting started or obtaining funding elsewhere. Grants are typically between £2,000-£10,000. For further details: http://digbig.com/4xngf Previously funded projects can be found at: http://digbig.com/4wtar

The Naturesave Trust ■ WE
…seek to financially assist those projects that deal with the root of a specific environmental and/or conservationist problem and those that encourage the greater commercial adoption of sustainable development. There are no deadlines for applications, which are dealt with on a 'rolling' basis, and the funding available for projects ranges from £100 to £10,000, with the average grant being around £2,000. http://digbig.com/4ypyc

Lloyds TSB Foundations ■ WE
There are four Lloyds TSB Foundations covering England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands. To apply for a grant, charities should visit the website for the region of the UK in which they are registered, where there are also details of the charities and projects previously supported. http://digbig.com/5bafef

The Manuka Club
The Manuka Club was founded in May 2003 by Benjamin Goldsmith, and operates as a donor network for individuals wishing to oppose irreversible losses of the British countryside to unnecessary development. The Club focuses on three areas of activity. A *Small Grants Programme* which disburses money to groups engaged in effective local campaigns; a *Training Programme* that equips individuals and groups with key media, campaign strategy and organisational skills; and a *Strategic Grants Programme* that supports projects and networks that are felt to be in the interests of strengthening the grass roots movement overall. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5banaw

Marine Communities Fund ■ CE
The Crown Estate's fund was established to provide support to initiatives and programmes which contribute to the development of best practice, and make a significant contribution to the good management and stewardship of the marine estate. Projects funded can be: practical (habitat creation, litter pick); informational (panels, guides); or educational (related to management of CE property). Projects from community groups must have a clear link to Crown Estate land. Up to 100% of project costs. http://digbig.com/4xwty

Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE
The Trust encourages applications relating to recycling, developing green spaces, the development and promotion of green practices and the promotion of public transport schemes. Projects that improve the quality of Wales' environment, protect and create a vibrant countryside and develop and promote sustainable land-use planning will be a priority for support. The Trust issues funding according to the size of geographical area

that an organisation has a remit to cover: Local = £2,000; Regional = £10,000; National = £20,000. Next deadline "Spring 2009". http://digbig.com/4xjpm

Moto in the Community Trust ■ WE funds the *Community Grant Scheme,* providing funds for... "environmental community groups that take an active role in their environment. The Trust will look for practical conservation projects such as clearing ponds, river banks, overgrown areas, tidying footpaths, creating playgrounds and community gardens that Moto staff can become involved with." In reality, this means groups within 25 miles of M4 junctions 47 (Swansea) and 33 (Cardiff). Past grants in the range of £150 to £1,000 – see http://digbig.com/4xrrt

The Oakdale Trust ■ WE
gives funding preference to Welsh charities involved in social, medical and **conservation** projects. No web site for this one, so phone them 01832 226386 or email oakdale@tanh.demon.co.uk

New!

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation ■ WE
The Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) is one of the larger independent grant-making foundations in the UK. It does not fund countryside or environmental projects as part of its core priorities but may accept applications that can show the wider impact of projects that also have objectives related to its interest in: The Arts, Education & Learning and Social Justice themes. See http://digbig.com/5baydf for more information.

The Plunkett Foundation – Village Core Programme ■ WE
The Plunkett Foundation, in partnership with the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance manages the Village CORE Programme through which financial start-up packages of up to £40,000 per shop are available, to be complemented by contributions from the community and advice from the Plunkett Foundation. The loan element of the package is provided by Co-operative and Community Finance, the longest established lender for social purpose in the UK. See http://digbig.com/5bahst for more information.

Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation ■ SD ■ WE
The Foundation funds organisations in UK that are working to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level including national initiatives in the UK which promote *sustainable living*. These may be single issue groups working to achieve a particular change, or organisations with a broader remit. The Foundation gives particular consideration to small pioneering headquarters organisations. Grants are usually between £5,000 and £15,000 per year, for up to three years and support organisations for whom this would represent between 5% and 50% of their annual income. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5banax

New!

The Santander Foundation ■ WE
Formerly the Abbey Charitable Trust – The Santander Foundation is committed to supporting local communities and disadvantaged people, particularly in those areas where Santander has a significant presence. Their main priorities include 'Education & Training'. Applicants need to demonstrate how disadvantaged people would directly benefit from this training and how it will make a lasting contribution to the local community. Fund tangible items like equipment, workbooks, training materials and other items which can be bought once and reused over several years. £500 to £4,000. See http://digbig.com/4xnca for more details.

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards ■ WE
The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. Projects previously supported include; playground equipment in schools and local communities, sensory garden projects, outdoor classrooms. There are four rounds of funding each year, and applications should be made via their online application form. Online guidance is provided at: http://digbig.com/5bardt. Or for further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5bards

Trusthouse Charitable Trust ■ SD ■ WE
…has changed its priorities towards projects which address Rural Issues. In this context, 'rural' means cities, towns or villages with 10,000 or fewer inhabitants. They will continue to consider applications working in areas of extreme urban deprivation. They will consider applications under the headings of Community Support, Arts & Education, Disability & Healthcare. Small grants: up to £10,000 (capital and revenue), £10,000 to £30,000 (capital only). See http://digbig.com/4xddy for more information.

New!

Volvo Adventure ■ SD ■ WE
The Volvo Adventure - in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme - is an educational programme that rewards environmental activities and the decision-makers of the future. Two competitions are being run for young people aged 10-12 and 13-16 (as of July 1st 2009), working in small groups on environmental projects. The best projects are selected for an all expenses paid trip to Göteborg, Sweden where they can win cash prizes to support their projects. Go to http://digbig.com/5bayde

The Wakeham Trust ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS ■ CE ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH
The Wakeham Trust provide grants of up to £750 for community projects. They do not favour any particular activity, (see http://digbig.com/4wtjx for case studies) but instead prefer to fund small projects which are unable to obtain funds elsewhere. Applicants must be a registered charity, or work with a charity which is able to accept funds on the behalf of the applicant. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/4xngc

Waterloo Foundation ■ LS ■ WE
An independent grant-maker, giving grants to local groups that are small in size and detailed in focus. Their "main drive is to support the community in which we work and live", within themes of environment, (particularly in view of the heavy exploitation of the Welsh landscape), relief of poverty, child development.
http://digbig.com/5bafdf

The Will Charitable Trust
The Will Charitable Trust was established in 1990 by private philanthropy as a charity making grants to other charities in specific fields of activity defined in their grants policy. One such area is 'Care of the countryside including its flora and fauna'. Around 8 charities are supported each year with grants varying from around £5,000 to £20,000. Charities which exist primarily for conservation purposes are most likely to succeed. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5baref

The Woodland Trust ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE
The Woodland Trust is offering grants of £100 for community groups to fund tree planting events during the winter. Groups must first register with the trust to be eligible for funding. For further information and registration, please visit: http://digbig.com/4xngd The Trust also offers grants to community woodlands – see http://digbig.com/4yxst for more.

The Woodward Trust ■ WE
The Woodward Trust favours small-scale, locally based initiatives. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding for core costs. Funding priorities are not environment-related, but "Trustees may also consider … Environmental projects, especially with a strong education element, provided they are distinctive and not merely a part of current fashion." £100 to £10,000 http://digbig.com/4yshj

Government, Third Sector & European Funding

Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales
■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH
The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund has the aim of addressing the environmental costs associated with aggregate extraction. In Wales the fund is used to address the following issues: the legacy of old minerals permissions; promoting the use of alternative materials to aggregates; reducing the impact of aggregate extraction; environmental and amenity benefits to communities affected by aggregates extraction; conserving sites of special interest; and educational projects. For further details visit: http://digbig.com/4wtax

Cadw: Civic Initiative Grant ■ WE
Match Funding up to £2,000 is available for voluntary organisations to promote and enhance understanding of local built heritage. http://digbig.com/4xnhe

Cadw: Rural Regeneration Grant ■ WE
Cadw can offer a grant towards repairing a building in the countryside in order to make it suitable for a previous use or convert it for a new use. The building must be: listed; 'at risk'; in the countryside or a village of 500 inhabitants or less. The grant is available to trusts, charities, public bodies, individuals, or businesses. This scheme is for buildings of any type, including agricultural, industrial, religious, domestic, and commercial. http://digbig.com/4xnbm

Cadw: 'Spring Clean' grants for places of worship ■ WE
The 'Spring Clean' grants scheme offers assistance for the maintenance of listed places of worship in Wales. A grant of a maximum of £500 per building is available for a range of minor repairs – for example, cleaning rain water gutters and downpipes or securing slipped roof slates - which are necessary to keep places of worship in good order. Applications will be accepted until 31 August 2009, or when the budget is exhausted. The budget for 2009-10 is £100,000. ~~**Grants must be claimed by 31/12/2009.**~~ http://digbig.com/5bafee

Community Facilities and Activities Programme 2007-2011 ■ WE
CFAP is a capital grant scheme operated by the Welsh Assembly Government. It is open to community and voluntary organisations. It is intended as a fund for organisations to draw upon to fill remaining gaps in finances after all other sources of support have been explored. CFAP can help provide facilities and equipment and help with the carrying out of activities that promote the regeneration of communities by tackling…**acting to improve the built or natural environment for local people…** Competition for funds is strong.
The next closing dates are: 9th April and 15th October 2010. http://digbig.com/4ypyd

Communities First Trust Fund ■ WE
The Communities First Trust Fund (CFTF) aims to support any type of activity that involves local people, through small community organisations, that benefits their community. Applications are welcome from a range of community projects including music and the

arts. The activities must provide some measure of economic, **environmental**, social or cultural benefit for people living in a Communities First area. There are over 180 areas across Wales eligible for support from the Communities First Trust Fund. These areas have been identified in the Communities First Programme. A list of the eligible areas is available by contacting the Communities First Helpline Tel: 0800 587 8898 Email: help@wcva.org.uk There is no minimum amount but £5,000 is the maximum you can apply for. Applications can be submitted to the CFTF throughout the year and are processed on a first come first served basis. Therefore, as there is a fixed amount of money allocated to each Communities First area, it is to your advantage to submit applications as early as possible to avoid the risk of disappointment because the ward allocation has been over-subscribed. The closing date for applications is Friday 29 January 2010. http://digbig.com/4yshp

Environment Wales ■ WE

Environment Wales, administered by the WCVA, aims to support voluntary action, which protects and improves the environment, and contributes to sustainable development. There are five grant schemes available:

Pre-project Grants – For specialist help, such as feasibility studies, business plans and community appraisals (£500 to £4,000).

Start-up grants – Available for costs incurred in establishing new voluntary or community groups and developing a project ready for registration (£1,000).

Project Grants – For funding project materials, tools and equipment (£10,000).

Management Grants - For new project-related posts (£1,000 to £11,000).

Training Grants – Available to assist project staff or volunteers with training costs (including travel expenses for courses) (£400). http://digbig.com/4xnhd

European Structural Funds (ESF) ■ WE

The Welsh Assembly Government has established the Targeted Match Fund (TMF) to provide central match funding to the European Structural Funds programmes 2007-2013.

The TMF will provide capital and revenue funding and is available to organisations from all sectors to support eligible activities under the programmes 2007-2013. Applications for the TMF and the associated Structural Funds will be considered simultaneously.

Please note: The TMF is a fund of last resort; applicants will therefore be required to show that all possible efforts have been made to secure match funding from other sources before TMF is approached. Full details from http://digbig.com/4xjgx and a mind-map at http://gka.org.uk/esf (source: fit4funding)

Forest Education Initiative (FEI)

Forest Education Initiative (FEI) aims to increase the understanding and appreciation, particularly among young people, of the environmental, social, and economic potential of trees, woodlands and forests and of the link between the tree and everyday wood products. The work of FEI is achieved by local groups, known as 'cluster groups'. FEI encourages and supports the formation of voluntary cluster groups at local and regional levels. FEI cluster groups informally bring together individuals and organisations who want to educate others about trees and wood, and those directly involved with woodland ownership and management and related timber industries. Involvement is open to all those who wish to further the aims and objectives of FEI. The FEI Partnership Fund - The FEI Partnership Fund is specifically to support the work of FEI clusters. It is a challenge fund, which means that applicants are competing for a limited amount of money in each financial year. Match funding is essential and preference is given to clusters that seek private sector support. The maximum amount that can be applied for in a single application is £5,000 and the minimum amount is £201.There are three funding rounds a year with closing dates 1st February, 1st June and 1st October. http://digbig.com/5bafej

Gwynedd County Council ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE ■ SD
Gwynedd Sustainability Grants Up to £5,000 revenue or capital funding is available from GCC for projects that promote sustainable development in Gwynedd's communities. Applicants must be based/operate in Gwynedd; for more details see:
http://digbig.com/4xnhf http://digbig.com/4xnhg

Keep Wales Tidy – Cleaner Greener Communities Scheme
Keep Wales Tidy endeavour to make Wales a '*Clean, Safe and Tidy'* place for everyone. KWT works in close partnership with local authorities, schools and community groups to encourage participation and input from the public. KWT currently run a range of programmes some of which have small grant schemes incorporated within them. For example, community projects in the Heads of the Valleys area (Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taff and Torfaen), might be eligible for grants of up to £1000 to help improve their area. For further details please visit: http://digbig.com/5barej

Landfill Communities Fund (formerly Landfill Tax Credits) ■ WE – typically benefit projects close to landfill sites. Landfill operators pay tax to use the site. Part of the tax is then distributed to beneficiaries such as those shown below, who then distribute the funds to applicants.

Biffawards – between £250 and £50,000 funding to projects within 10 or 25 miles of a Biffa site – check your distance here: http://digbig.com/4wtkg
Link to the main Biffawards site: http://digbig.com/4xngq
Biffawards Flagship fund projects that have something unique and exciting that no other project in the region, or country, has. Grants of **£150,000 - £500,000** are available. http://digbig.com/4ykmg

Cemex – between £1,000 and £15,000 for sites within three miles of a Cemex quarry or landfill. (Colwyn Bay, Wrexham, Neath & Cardiff) http://digbig.com/4xngr

Cory Environmental Wrexham only. http://digbig.com/4xncf

WREN Small Grant Scheme… has been established to assist applicants looking for funding on small projects that can make a real difference to a local community. Funding between £2,000 and £15,000 for: Public Parks / Country Parks / Nature Reserves / Village Greens (and more…) see http://digbig.com/4xbjd for details and http://digbig.com/4xbje for areas covered - in reality, this is Pontardawe, Abergele, Ruthin & Chirk.

WREN Main grant scheme – between £2,000 and £50,000 http://digbig.com/4xsps
WREN Biodiversity Action Fund ...provides funding of between £75,000 and £250,000 for projects which last no more than 5 years. Projects must be sited at clearly identified site(s) within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site in the following areas: Anglesey, Carmarthenshire, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, Wrexham. http://digbig.com/4xspr Year One deadline was 30th Jan 2009, but it's an ongoing project.

Grantscape – creating, conserving, enhancing biodiversity £150,000 to £300,000 http://digbig.com/4ypyf

Veolia £25,000 to £40,000 see http://digbig.com/4xxdn

SITA within 10 miles Withyhedge landfill site in Pembrokeshire http://digbig.com/4yhgc

Other landfill operators: See http://digbig.com/4wtkh for operators in your area.

ENTRUST - Small Grants Scheme for Environmental Bodies
ENTRUST have published guidance notes for accredited Environmental Bodies (EBs) that wish to participate in the scheme. Currently, the SGS is in a trial period with accredited EBs and relates to Object D only. The process will be reviewed in early 2010/2011.

Website: http://digbig.com/5bahtf

Lets Walk Cymru
'Let's Walk Cymru' is a new Wales-wide initiative developed in partnership with the Sports Council for Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government and Countryside Council for Wales - tasked with increasing the number of people participating in walking as a regular activity. 'Let's Walk Cymru' is providing grants to organisations and groups across Wales. The programme seeks to explore innovative ways of promoting walking to improve health and wellbeing. There are three levels of grants available (ranging from £1K - £15K) and awarded reflecting the size & content of the project. For further information go to: http://digbig.com/5bareh

EU - LIFE+ ■ CS ■ CV
LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU, as well as in some candidate, acceding and neighbouring countries. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed some 3104 projects, contributing approximately €2.2 billion to the protection of the environment. The third LIFE+ call for proposals was published on 15 May 2009, with up to €250 million available for co-financing of projects under three headings: nature and biodiversity; environment policy and governance; and information and communication. **This round is now closed.** For further news and details about the programme go to: http://digbig.com/4yxsy

Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 ■ WE
The Low Carbon Buildings Programme - Phase 2E (LCBP2E) is a Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) scheme offering grants for micro-generation installations by public sector and charitable organisations. Check the Scheme Conditions to confirm your eligibility. Grants are available for installations of up to a maximum of 50kW electricity and 300kW heat. Qualifying organisations can apply for 50% of the project cost of installing micro-generation technologies. Organisations can apply for a maximum of up to £200,000 in grant funds per site. A site may include more than one building and multiple applications from one organisation for different sites will be considered. http://digbig.com/5bahsw

Splash – the Water Recreation Challenge Fund for Wales ■ WE
The Welsh Assembly Government is offering up to 100% grants to projects (large and small) which help people to enjoy the waters of Wales. Minimum grant = £5,000. The emphasis will be on supporting new capital and other works improving bankside facilities, signage, off road parking, etc. This can also include facilities designed to meet the needs of disabled people. All projects should help promote sustainable and responsible access. http://digbig.com/4ydqp

Sports Council Wales: Doorstep Outdoors ■ CS ■ AE
The Sports Council Wales 'Doorstep Outdoors' programme seeks to provide advice and financial assistance to improve access to a broad range of outdoor activities. The programme is flexible and able to fund a variety of costs for a variety of out-door activities, as well as offering guidance and support. Further information can be found at: http://digbig.com/4xngs Case studies of current projects can be found here: http://digbig.com/4xngt

Sustainable Development Fund ■ WE ■ SD
The Sustainable Development Fund is administered by National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (see below). It supports a wide range of projects relating to sustainable development and seeks to encourage communities to find more sustainable ways of living.

Sustainable Development Fund http://digbig.com/4xngw
Brecon Beacons http://digbig.com/4xngx
Pembrokeshire http://digbig.com/4xngy
Snowdonia http://digbig.com/4xnha

A similar scheme is also available for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England and Wales. Up to £100,000 is available for innovative, sustainable, environmental projects, which involve local communities. For further details please follow the appropriate links:
Anglesey / Môn http://digbig.com/4wtba
Llŷn http://digbig.com/4wtbb
Gower http://digbig.com/4wtbc (the first AONB!)
Wye Valley http://digbig.com/4wyjc
Clwydian Range http://digbig.com/4wtbd

New!

WCVA Millennium Volunteers Programme
The programme aims to: Make a positive impact within local communities. Offer challenging and interesting volunteering opportunities for all young people. Enable young people to acquire new skills and knowledge and develop personally. Increase recognition of volunteering by young people in the community. Set a standard for volunteering opportunities in Wales. Encourage ownership of the programme by young people. For further information go to: http://digbig.com/5barec

WRAP Cymru - SME Recycling Support Grant Scheme
WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) works with local authorities, business and households to prevent waste, increase recycling and develop markets for recycled and sustainable products. WRAP's programmes in Wales aim to deliver increases in recycling and the amount of recycled materials used in manufacturing and construction. Wales SME Recycling Support Grant Scheme is a new initiative designed to significantly increase recycling rates in Wales by providing financial support to organisations which are able to offer specialist recycling services for Welsh SMEs. Grants can support up to 30% of capital expenditure (and initial promotional costs) of a project, with funding available up to £50,000. For further information go to: http://digbig.com/5bardw

Young Entrants Support Scheme (YESS) ■ CS
This Scheme is set to provide assistance to facilitate the establishment of young farmers (under 40) who possess adequate skills and competence and are setting-up as head of the holding for the first time. The assistance package will include all or part of the following:

- a one off grant payment for capital or revenue investment for expenses incurred when young entrant is setting-up as head of holding for the first time;
- access to a dedicated Young Entrants' Business Enabler Service, which will advise on training, knowledge transfer and joint venture opportunities as well as matching young entrants with appropriate established farmers who wish to explore different working patterns e.g. share farming, joint ventures, etc.; and
- access to funded mentoring services from established farmers. http://digbig.com/5bafdg

Lottery Funding

For general advice on lottery funding please see: http://digbig.com/4xnhh

BIG Lottery Fund

Awards for All ■ AE ■ WE

Aims to widen appreciation for and understanding of heritage and encourage local communities to participate in heritage activities by offering grants from £500- £5,000. More information and downloadable case studies can be found at: http://digbig.com/4xnhp

People and Places fund ■ WE

The People and Places fund has three key programme outcomes: (1) revitalised communities; (2) improved community relations; (3) enhanced local environments community services & buildings. The third outcome is suggested to be achieved through projects that (amongst other outcomes) create spaces for wildlife and people, and/or provide opportunities for individuals to understand, maintain and improve the natural environment. Grants between the values of £5,001 and £250,000 are available for projects meeting one of the above project outcomes. Go to: http://digbig.com/5bardp
Link to case studies → http://digbig.com/4xyqt

Heritage Lottery Fund ■ CS ■ WE ■ GH

Your Heritage - provides grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 to support projects that relate to the local, regional or national heritage of the UK. Applications are welcomed from projects that help people to learn about, look after and celebrate heritage in a fun and enjoyable way. http://digbig.com/4xnhm Here's a link to case studies: http://digbig.com/4xnhn

Heritage Grants ■ WE

Grants of £50,000 or more are available for projects which seek to conserve and enhance local heritage. More information and downloadable case studies can be found at: http://digbig.com/4xnhq

Young Roots ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ WE

Providing grants of between £3,000 and £25,000, the Young Roots Programme aims to involve 13-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. "Heritage includes…wildlife, including special habitats and species…" http://digbig.com/4ykmf

Landscape Partnerships

Landscape Partnerships (LP) is the Heritage Lottery programme to support schemes of between £250,000 and £2million led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the United Kingdom. Each scheme is based round a portfolio of smaller projects, which together provide a varied package of benefits to an area, its communities and visitors. Landscape Partnership schemes must deliver equally across all of the following programme outcomes:

- Conserving or restoring the built and natural features that create the historic landscape character.
- Increasing community participation in local heritage.
- Increasing access to and learning about the landscape area and its heritage.
- Increasing training opportunities in local heritage skills.

Note: Completed first-round applications should reach your regional or country office no later than 30 November of each year http://digbig.com/5banay

BIG RSWT Changing Spaces: Local Food ■ WE
Local Food is part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme which was launched in November 2005 to help communities enjoy and improve their local environments. The programme funds a range of activities from local food schemes and farmers markets, to education projects teaching people about the local environment. Grants from £2,000 up to £500,000 are available for not-for-profit groups and organisations in England delivering such projects as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities.
Source Fit4Funding Newsletter

Website: http://digbig.com/5bacgh

BIG - Community Asset Transfer – Wales ■ WE
The website states 'We want to enable communities to have more control and influence over their future development. Through the transfer of assets from public organisations we want to enable communities to improve their livelihoods and neighbourhoods'.

'This will be BIG's first opportunity to deliver a partnership grant programme combining non-lottery and lottery funds. The opportunity to deliver a partnership fund, matching the Welsh Assembly Government and BIG's money and distributing through one application process demonstrates an intelligent and joined up approach, ensuring a strategic approach to using two limited sources of funds'.

The total budget for the programme is £13million made up of capital money from theWelsh Assembly Government and revenue funding from BIG. The programme will be run over three rounds. **The first round opened in mid October 2009**.

Website: http://digbig.com/5bafdm

Useful links and downloadable documents

A Guide to European Funding 2007-13
This is aimed at readers with little or no prior knowledge of European Funding and attempts to set out in clear terms the different funding mechanisms and programmes. It also provides information on the EU's new financial rules and regulations. To download a copy of the report, please see:
http://digbig.com/4xjpp (PDF download)

European Funding
The website of Welsh European Funding Office has been updated to include an *applying for European funding* section (http://digbig.com/4xcac), which will guide potential project sponsors through a step-by-step process to apply for funds under the Convergence and Regional Competitiveness programmes 2007-2013. If you have any queries on applying for European funding, please contact the WEFO Helpline on tel: 0845 010 3355 or email: enquiries-wefo@wales.gsi.gov.uk A very helpful guide to Euro funding is available from http://digbig.com/4ydqq
(Source: WCVA 24/6/08)

A guide to loans for social enterprise ■ WE
'Social Economy Bristol Development Project' (SEBDP) and Bristol Area Community Enterprise Network (BACEN) have produced a guide which provides information on loans and other forms of finance that are particularly suitable for community businesses and

social enterprises. The publication can be downloaded for free at: http://digbig.com/4xfrh (PDF download)

Free assistance for rural organisations
Wales' Rural Forum has produced a leaflet outlined the help that is available free of charge to community groups in rural Objective 1 areas. The Rural Resource can offer IT support, event support and general support. For further information please visit: http://digbig.com/4xnht

Sustainable Funding Project
The Sustainable Funding Project have published six guides for funding aimed at small to medium sized community or voluntary organisations and fundraisers working with them. The guides cover the following topics: sustainable funding; financial management; fundraising trading; procurement and contracting; and loan finance. They can be downloaded free of charge as PDF files from: http://digbig.com/5bapcc

Woodland Areas and Health and Well-being
'Coed Lleol Partnership' has produced a guide detailing how woodland areas can be used for health and well-being purposes. The guide also explains how to develop a health and wellbeing programme in a woodland setting. For further information and to download the guide, please visit: http://digbig.com/4xnhs

Online mind-maps of available funding sources
EU, Statutory, Lottery, & Trusts/foundations funding sources www.gka.org.uk/ccw
Mind-map providing an overview of ERDF priorities and themes, with links to WEFO's project ideas notice-boards: www.gka.org.uk/erdf
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