

Other Local Advice & Funding

The following organisations can provide assistance to help you explore local and national funding opportunities and/or help you put together funding proposals. We **strongly** advise you to investigate a range of additional sources of funding to support any application made to North Wiltshire District Council and this should be done as early as possible in your quest for funding support. A phone call or email to any of the organisations listed below will help you identify other appropriate sources of funding and a bidding timetable.

One of the Community Awards funding criteria requires that you have sought funding from sources other than the Area Committees where you request over £500.

Charities Information Bureau (CIB) check

CIB is a charitable organisation set up to offer information, advice and support on funding and charity law to groups and individuals throughout Wiltshire. CIB will work with groups to help them access a range of appropriate local and national funders. Advice on planning fundraising and making effective applications is also freely available. Funding surgeries are held at the North Wiltshire CVS offices on the third Tuesday of every month (call 01249 654089) and appointments for these or for any other time can be made by contacting CIB.

Contact: Mary Waters, Funding Advisor - 01380 729279

email: mary@cibwilts.org.uk

Community First

Community First manages a number of schemes providing grants for individuals and groups to support a range of community projects meeting clearly identified community needs. Both capital and revenue support is available. For initial advice on the options available:

Contact: Sue Dewberry - 01380 722475.

email: sdewberry@communityfirst.org.uk

Community First – Project Advice and Guidance

As a member of the Rural Renaissance Partnership, Community First aims to deliver a co-ordinated and holistic approach to rural regeneration which includes Sustain the Plan (LEADER +), the Market Towns Partnership, 'Solve' and other funding initiatives.

Advice and guidance on project development, identifying appropriate funding, making applications and project management is offered by Community First to encourage and support voluntary organisations and community groups, enabling them to meet the needs and aspirations of their communities however large or small the planned project may be.

Find out how we can help with your projects.

Contact: Sue Dewberry, Rural Renaissance Community Regeneration Manager – 01380 722475

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Community First - The Village Hall Grant Scheme is administered by Community First on behalf of Wiltshire County Council and all four District Councils for local communities wishing to provide, extend or refurbish Village Halls. Grants are available for major capital projects, to help with the purchase of sites and buildings, expenditure on new buildings, improvements and extensions, the initial purchase of equipment and furniture and relevant professional fees. A major capital project is defined in this Scheme as one costing more than £8,000 (under review). Applicants will be expected to find at least 30% of the total cost of the project. Contributions from Parish and Town Councils may be counted as part of the applicant's share of the project cost, as will grants from other bodies.

Contact: John Dowsett, Village Hall Adviser – 01380 722475.

email: jdowsett@communityfirst.org.uk

Community First - Disabled Disability Act (access) Audits administered by Community First. These are only available for Village Halls.

Contact: John Dowsett, Village Hall Adviser – 01380 722475.

email: jdowsett@communityfirst.org.uk

Community First - “Solve – The Local Solutions Fund”, also administered by Community First offers a range of small grants which can be used for:

Purchase /hire of equipment	Hire of venues
Professional fees for design	Training
Research & feasibility studies	Care of children & support for the disabled
Travel & subsistence	Consumables & publications
Publicity, printing, photocopying, telephone calls & postage	

Solve currently (2007) has two categories of grant giving within the scheme:

Community grants: up to £500 for a wide range of new projects or new initiatives within an existing project.

Rural transport: up to £2,000 for rural community transport initiatives under the Wiltshire Rural Transport Partnership

Contact: Alison Crawford - 01380 722475.

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Community First - Landfill Tax Credits

Funding made available from landfill site operators towards community projects and facilities including village halls, Scout and Guide halls, play areas, skateboard facilities and facilities of benefit to the elderly or disabled, museums and built or natural conservation projects. The minimum grant is £5,000 and projects should cost in excess of £15,000. Applications may be made at any time but please note that the process usually takes six months. Applications will be considered from community groups or parish/town councils.

Contact: Gillian Barber or Alison Crawford - 01380 722475.

email: gbarber@communityfirst.org.uk acrawford@communityfirst.org.uk

Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon

Supports voluntary and community groups, and Social Enterprises, within Wiltshire, especially those tackling poverty and social exclusion. Several different programmes are available;

MAIN GRANTS (awarded twice yearly)

£500-£3000 per year for up to three years for projects working with people in most need.

LOCAL NETWORK FUND (awarded 6 times a year)

For children and young people, 0-19 years. One-off grants of between £250-£7,000 to groups working to address child poverty, in its broadest sense.

BLAGRAVE CHARITABLE TRUST (awarded 6 times a year)

Grants of around £3,000 for up to 3 years for; work with the elderly, work with young disabled, work to support disabled sportsmen and women.

SPORT RELIEF (usually awarded 3 times per year)

Using sport to tackle the exclusion and isolation experienced by some of the poorest and most disadvantaged communities. Information on grants size not yet available, but expected to be in range £5,000 to £10,000.

SMALL GRANTS (awarded at any time)

One-off grants of up to £500 for groups with an income of £10,000 p.a. or less.

Contact: Jen Wildblood, Programme Director - 01380 729284.

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Awards for All

Aim to increase access and participation, improve skills and creativity and improve the quality of life. The 4 priorities for the South West focus on local needs, with should have the following priority outcomes:

- ✓ Better understanding of different people, places and cultures in our local community
- ✓ Improved skills for running small community groups
- ✓ More opportunities and support for volunteers
- ✓ Healthier lifestyles for the whole community

Funding is demand led and decisions are made within 8 weeks. Groups can apply for between £300 and £10,000, although groups cannot have more than £10,000 in any 2-year period. For projects that include property, building work or landscaping costs, the total project cost limit is £25,000 including VAT. Projects have to be completed within a 12-month period and applicants won't be able to use the grant to contribute towards salaries of permanent or contract staff.

Contact: Application Pack Line 0845 600 2040 or www.awardsforall.org.uk

Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme

Is a capital scheme, which supports sizeable community projects and can be accessed in two ways:

1. If the project relates to one particular Community Area then a minimum of £15,000 must be awarded from the relevant Area Committee in order for the project to be eligible for this scheme.
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2. If the project relates to a number of Community Areas and the benefit will be “district wide,” then a direct application to the Executive can be made.

This scheme supports projects in their final push for funding. In order for applications to be successful the majority of funding must be in place.

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