



Community Area Grants - Where to get local funding, help and advice (Section 2)

One of the community area grant criteria requires that you have sought funding from sources other than the area boards where you request over £1,000.

The following organisations can provide a range of services to voluntary organisations and community groups, including advice, information and training that can assist with issues such as starting up a group/project, organisational development, recruiting volunteers and funding.

We **strongly** advise you to investigate additional sources of funding. All of the organisations listed below will help **any** voluntary/community group.

Charities Information Bureau South & West (CIB)

CIB helps voluntary and community groups across Wiltshire to raise money from local and national sources. They offer free advice on planning your fundraising, identifying where to find funds, and how to make effective applications.

You can discuss your funding requirements with an adviser by phone, email or in person at the CIB office in Devizes. Dedicated funding surgeries are held across Wiltshire including in Chippenham, Trowbridge, Pewsey and Salisbury, where you can book an hour's appointment to speak with a funding advisor. To discuss your project by phone or to arrange a meeting please call 01380 729279.

CIB has a free online database of charitable funds for groups and individuals in Wiltshire and the South West. Please visit www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk to register for this database. Alternatively you can ask a funding advisor to search on your behalf to find a more detailed list.

Contact: Funding Advice Team - 01380 729279

Email: enquiries@cibwilts.org.uk

Wiltshire Council Central Bidding Unit

The Wiltshire Council Central Bidding Unit (CBU) comprises three specialist posts that support funding and fundraising. The team provide expert advice on funding to voluntary (not for profit) organisations and charities, particularly for complex projects or those that require substantial funding throughout Wiltshire. CBU also supports statutory organisations (e.g. council, parish councils and schools and provide bidding advice to Wiltshire-based groups. To support these actions, the unit

provides information on where funding is available; for example, government, local government, foundations, trusts and charities.

In addition, the CBU produces a well-respected Regional Funding Bulletin (bi-monthly) which has the support of Funding SW and other funding bodies and is available free to any voluntary or statutory group across Wiltshire and Swindon. A separate schools funding bulletin (monthly) is produced specifically for school community groups across Wiltshire; this also distributes current and relevant funding information but is available only to school heads and external school co-ordinators. Please also note that the CBU works closely with the Charities Information Bureau and does not duplicate any work done by the CIB.

Contact: Damian Wood - External Funding Officer on 01225 713217

email: Damian.wood@wiltshire.gov.uk

Community First

The rural community council for Wiltshire has staff that will be happy to advise you on the grants below, all of which are managed by the organisation. In addition they will guide you through the process of application and help with the development of your project where possible.

- **Business Grants and Loans Fund**

Contact: Tim Coomer, Rural Enterprise Adviser – 01380 732812

email: tcoomer@communityfirst.org.uk

- **Village Hall Grant Scheme (funded by Wiltshire Council)**

For major works of over £10,000

Contact: Carol Southall, Village Hall & Grants Advisor – 01380 732818

email: csouthall@communityfirst.org.uk

- **Rural Transport – Community Transport Small Grants Fund**

The Community Transport Small Grants Fund is for new or improved community transport initiatives and other measures which have a lasting effect on improving access to services and facilities in Wiltshire and Swindon. Grants of up to £1,000 are available through the Fund.

For more information please visit www.communityfirst.org.uk/ct-small-grants or contact Community First directly.

Contact: Liam Tatton-Bennett, Community Transport Officer – 01380 732816

email: ltatton-bennett@communityfirst.org.uk

- **Landfill Community Fund**

The Landfill Communities Fund supports community, built heritage and environmental projects in the vicinity of landfill sites and / or landfill operator depots. The majority of Wiltshire & Swindon is covered by eligible catchments areas. Most applications range from £3,000 to £20,000. Your project will need to find 12.4% of the total grant applied for from a Third Party (a source other than LCF or the applicant)

Contact: Rebecca Lamont Jiggins – Programme Manager 01380 732804 or Carol Southall – Village Halls & Grants Advisor on 01380 732818

email: rebecca@communityfirst.org.uk or csouthall@communityfirst.org.uk

- **Solve community fund**

A voluntary organisation or a community group with a project that shows clear community, social or environmental benefit can apply for a maximum of £500. This must be solely for the benefit of residents of Wiltshire.

Contact: Carol Southall, Village Hall & Grants Advisor – 01380 732818

email: csouthall@communityfirst.org.uk

- **Plain Action**

Plain Action is a rural development programme operated by a local action group over the Salisbury Plain area. It can provide capital and revenue grants to organisations which will help deliver its objectives in the fields of skills and training, employment and business, and community strengthening. It has underlying themes around military civilian integration and sustainability. It is funded primarily by the EU and Defra under the Rural Development Programme England 2007-13 and in part by Wiltshire Council.

Grants under the main programme are from £10,000 upwards, with up to 75% grant rate. Voluntary groups, parish councils and start-up and small businesses can all apply. A small grants scheme for amounts sub £10,000 is under development.

Further information including a map of the area covered and full contact details are all on the website, www.plainaction.org.uk.

Contact: Alan Truscott or Lesley Thomas on 01380 732814

email: atruscott@communityfirst.org.uk

Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon

Supports voluntary and community groups and social enterprises in Wiltshire, especially those tackling poverty and social exclusion.

Main Grants - £500-£3,000 per year for up to three years.

The Foundation also has grant programmes to support the educational costs of individual children and young people, and a Scholarship fund to support young people from West Wiltshire who are studying for, or planning to study for, a degree or doctorate

Contact: Heidi Yorke, Programme Director - 01380 729284

email: heidi.yorke@wscf.org.uk

Town and parish Councils

Your town or parish council will be interested to hear about your projects and may be able to contribute towards your scheme. If you are looking for financial help, the earlier you speak to your town /parish council, the better. Contact details of your town/parish clerk may be found by using the following link:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?LS=17&SLS=1&bcr=1>

or [click here](#)

Awards for All

Awards for All, England, offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them. It is for voluntary and community groups, schools and health organisations, parish and town councils.

Some improvements have been made to Awards for All. Now the application form doesn't ask for a referee, so it's even easier to [apply](#) for a small Lottery grant. For more details, please look at the our [Questions and Answers](#) , or download an [Application form](#)

For further information look at the website: www.awardsforall.org.uk or [click here](#)