



Community Area Grants - Where to get local funding, help and advice

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 works with voluntary and community groups from across Wiltshire to help them access a range of appropriate local and national funders. Advice on planning fundraising and making effective applications is freely available. CIB has an online database of funders available for groups and individuals in Wiltshire and the South West to access. Please visit www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk to register for this database.

Groups can contact, meet and discuss their funding query with a funding adviser at any time. Dedicated funding surgeries are held at the DEVELOP offices in Chippenham fortnightly and appointments for these can be made by contacting the DEVELOP office on 01249 654089. Surgeries are also held in Salisbury once a month at Wessex Community Action - to make an appointment, please contact 01722 421747. Meetings with funding advisors are also held in Pewsey, Trowbridge or at CIB's offices in Devizes. The programme of surgeries will be reviewed in Spring 2010 and revised as necessary from April 2010 onwards. Please contact the number or email below if you would like any further advice or information.

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 & 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: Graham Harris - External Funding Coordinator on 01225 713226
email: graham.harris@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 722475
email: tcoomer@communityfirst.org.uk

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

Contact: Carol Southall, Village Hall Adviser – 01380 722475
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 improve 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 722475 (ext. 243)
email: ltatton-bennett@communityfirst.org.uk

- **Community First - Landfill Community Fund (Landfill section up to date Dec 09)**

A minimum of £5,000 for community projects and facilities costing over £15,000. The process can take up to six months.

Contact: Gillian Barber – Programme Manager (Ext.209) or Susanne Pidduck, Programme Assistant (Ext.241) on 01380 722475
email: gbarber@communityfirst.org.uk or spidduck@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: John Dowsett or Lesley Thomas on 01380 722475
email: jdowsett@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-£3000 per year for up to three years.

Grassroots Grants – Up to £5,000 until 2011 for work with disadvantaged people and long term community benefit.

Comic Relief Grants - Grants of in the region of £2,000 for one year.

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 District who are studying for, or planning to study for, a Degree or Doctorate

Contact: Heidi Yorke, Grants Manager - 01380 729284
email: heidi.yorke@wscf.org.uk

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