



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. Our advisors also visit many towns across Wiltshire, to book an appointment to discuss your project, 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 Funding & Performance Team

As part of Wiltshire Council's Economy & Enterprise service, the Funding and Performance team specialises in the provision of funding advice and support for complex projects and other regeneration initiatives which can significantly contribute to the growth and sustainability of Wiltshire's economy. The team provides bidding advice and project support services to a range of organisations across Wiltshire, supporting statutory (council, parish councils and schools), voluntary and commercial organisations. The team produces information about where funding is available through a portfolio of funding bulletins.

The highly-respected funding bulletins include the monthly SW Regional Funding Bulletin which remains free to voluntary or statutory groups across Wiltshire and Swindon. The monthly Schools funding bulletin is distributed to school heads, extended schools co-ordinators and PTA's. The team also produce bulletins for organisations looking to fund projects in Arts, Sports and Renewable energy/Green funding and Play. The team is about to launch a new Business bulletin to help businesses obtain funding as well as take up other opportunities. Corporate funding services and social enterprise development are also delivered by the team, alongside management of economic development and regeneration programmes run by the council.

- Contact Damian Wood on 01225 713217 damian.wood@wiltshire.gov.uk for information and bidding advice, project support, community initiatives and the South West Regional Funding Bulletin, business and sports bulletins
- Contact Laura Eames on 01225 756197 laura.eames@wiltshire.gov.uk for information about bidding advice, project support for Social Enterprise; Arts, Community, Renewable Energy/Green Funding, schools, play, social care/support and heritage bulletins, as well queries on large funds requiring partnerships
- Contact Julian Head on 01225 713421 julian.head@wiltshire.gov.uk for social enterprise development, programmes management and new developments

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 Adviser – 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/index.php/grants/community-transport-small-grants-fund) or contact Community First directly.

Contact: Liam Tatton-Bennett, Community Transport Manager – 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: The Grants Department on 01380 722475
email: grants@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: grants 01380 722475
email: grants@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.

Currently all the grant funds are committed but we are hoping that there may be some redistribution of national funds which may allow further grants. Any news of further funds will be announced on the Plain Action web site.

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

We are dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged people in Wiltshire & Swindon. We are building a permanent endowment fund to support the voluntary sector in our county by working with donors who are interested in supporting their local community. We give grants to groups and individuals fitting our criteria, during 2010/11 we distributed over £660k in funding to the county.

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

(In the current economic climate we are unable to commit to 3 year funding and only likely to fund year 1)

Groups can apply to Main Grants to support a wide variety of project, core and ongoing costs

Small Grants of up to £500 are available to small projects that have an annual income of no more than £10,000pa. This is a fast track programme and applications can be turned around within a month.

Wiltshire Police Authority, working with the Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon, has established a fund to help local groups address crime and anti-social behaviour, and improve personal and community security. The fund arises from the proceeds of the disposal of unclaimed property, and is usually around £25,000 per annum.

Mid Counties Co-operative Grants are up to a maximum of £2,000 and groups are advised only to apply for the amount they need to purchase an item of equipment or to fund a project. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects which seek to bring communities together to tackle local issues improving trust and understanding, and welcomes projects which offer a new or innovative approach.

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 Wiltshire/Swindon who are studying for, or planning to study for, a degree or doctorate

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Taryn George, Grants Officer
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01380 729284

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](#)

The Wiltshire Council Arts Project Grant Scheme

This scheme is open to all voluntary and community organisations (not individuals) wishing to provide arts projects in Wiltshire. Arts projects can cover a wide range of creative opportunities, including visual arts, crafts, media and digital forms, literature and performing arts. The scheme aims to support the vibrant Wiltshire arts sector. £20,000 is available in 2 rounds. The maximum amount that can be applied for per application is £4,000.

Application deadlines:

Round 1 is 30 April 2012. Approved projects should take place between July 2012 and June 2013.
Round 2 is 30 September 2012. Approved projects should take place between November 2012 and October 2013.

Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/arts for more information and to download application form.

Contact:

Faye Bradley for projects in South and East Wiltshire
faye.bradley@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01722 434217

Meril Morgan for projects in North and West Wiltshire
meril.morgan@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01249 705531

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](#)