

Funding Advice Sheet – Environmental Projects in Rushcliffe

Things to consider before seeking funding:

- Get informed! Make sure you find out what support is available to you.
- Constitution/Bank Account - Are you properly constituted, before you can apply for funding, you need to ensure that you are operating legally, usually with a sound constitution, reporting mechanisms in place etc.
- Show a need – As a group you must be able to identify the need for the project. How have you come to this conclusion? Know the number of people in support of your project, how have you consulted people in the area etc.
- Aims and Objectives – What do you want to achieve, how are you going to do it? Who do you need to help you e.g. volunteers, outside agencies etc
- Identify the best way to meet this need - How are you going to achieve your aspirations? Are your plans realistic for your group to deliver?
- Are your plans sustainable? How will your project be kept going / maintained in the future?
- Develop a project plan – what needs doing, timescales, in what order and by when?
- Funding strategy – Do you need the money, how much and what for? Identify possible funders and contact them directly. Discuss your project with them, they will tell you firstly if you are eligible and secondly if it's something they're likely to fund. Do you need match funding? If so, make sure you have the funds available.

Use your networks. There are many small grant making trusts that cover Nottinghamshire and a large proportion don't advertise. Ensure that you put the word out through your networks about the project and what you are trying to achieve and that you are looking for local support - this might elicit individual donations but can also unlock doors to potential grant making organisations. If you are looking to make a bid to the Landfill Communities Fund this is also a good way of seeking support for the third party match funding that is often required. Talk to organisations like Nottinghamshire Community Foundation <http://nottscf.org.uk/> that manage a number of grants but also may be able to link you up with other organisations.

Making funding bids is not difficult, often groups think making an application is too hard and miss out on funds. All you need to do is answer the questions the funders ask and show you meet the fund requirements.

Remember if you do not gain funding the first time, it does not mean your project is no good, often it's just because the fund has been used up at that moment, your project might be successful next time. Do ask for feedback if you are not successful.

Tips for making an application

- Refrain from starting your project before applying.
- Apply as soon as possible.
- Talk to the awarding body to get their advice before you apply for assistance.
- Make your application meaningful and keep it relevant.
- Demonstrate that your project cannot proceed without assistance.
- Ensure you are applying to the right grant fund – that your project proposals match the sponsor's objectives
- Read the questions on the application form and answer the questions, your proposal will be considered against these questions; if you answer a different question, which you think the awarding body is asking, you will be unlikely to succeed.

- Refrain from sending your application out straightaway, leave it a few days and check it again. Ask someone else to read over it to see if it makes sense.

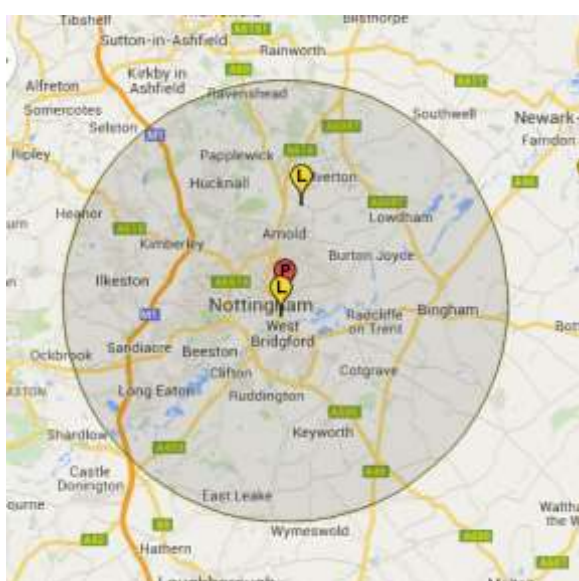
Most importantly - Talk to the funder! - There are usually advice lines available with somebody to discuss your project, they won't tell you that your project will be funded, but they will tell you that you are eligible and will suggest how to focus your application. Some funders may even look over your application before you submit.

For more help and information see <http://www.grantnet.com/HelpfulReports/securingfunding.pdf>

If you want further help you could talk to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire or Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service (see contacts below)

Main Environmental grant providers in this area:

WREN – For more information go to <http://www.wren.org.uk/>



WREN eligibility map. Your project must be within a 10 mile radius of an operating scheme.

WREN eligibility criteria:

The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other public amenity in the vicinity of a landfill site. For example - Village halls, children's play equipment and skate parks, village greens and public parks, community gardens, woodland improvements, cycle paths and nature reserves

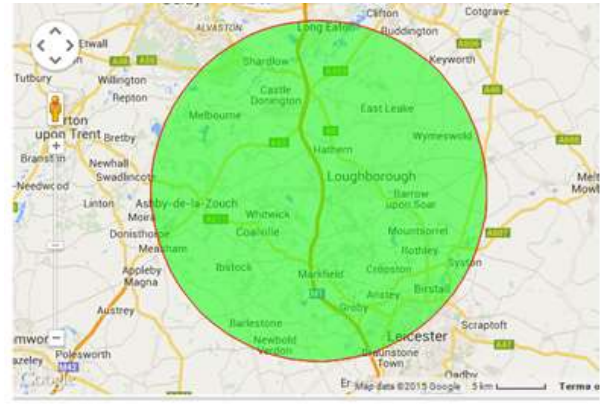
Biffaward – Building Communities. Transforming lives, for more information go to <http://www.biffa-award.org/main-grants-scheme>

Biffa eligibility criteria:

- The project's site is within 7 miles of a significant Biffa operation. Check your project's postcode using the Postcode Checker on the Biffa website.
- The project's site is also within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site (To find your nearest landfill site, visit the Environment Agency website <https://www.gov.uk/check-local-environmental-data>)
- The total cost of the project is less than £200,000
- There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year
- Any Biffa Award grant will be used for site-based improvement work, not for equipment or running costs
- Biffa Award is unable to fund requests to help an existing facility meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act
- Biffa Award is unable to fund retrospectively, so you should only apply for funding for work that will take place in the future

- The applicant organisation and project are eligible for enrolment and registration with the scheme's regulator, ENTRUST. These will be conditions of any grant approved. Please note that organisations must be not for profit. Local authorities cannot apply or enrol

Biffa eligibility maps:



Veolia – for more information go to <http://www.veoliatruster.org/funding/criteria/>



Can only fund projects that comply with the objects of the Landfill Communities Fund.

Additionally, Veolia have their own criteria governing what they wish to consider funding. They support projects that protect, preserve and maintain the natural, social and built environment.

Applicants need to be constituted, not-for-profit organisations – from small community groups to larger ones such as Wildlife Trusts.

Mainly funds public amenity and biodiversity projects and, when considering an application, they look for evidence of:

- Community involvement and need
- Use of volunteers
- Development of skills
- Inclusivity
- Sustainability

Please read their criteria document to confirm that your project fits their funding guidelines which can be found on the website.

The Community Fund is managed independently by a Community Fund Management Committee that meets six times a year, and is open to community groups within a defined 'area of benefit' that meet certain criteria.



The Fund is currently supported by an annual donation of £50,000 from the airport and through the fines imposed when aircraft exceed our strict noise limits. The Community Fund awards grants to support eligible projects that have a long-lasting community and/or environmental benefit and can award a maximum of £2,000 per application.

In order for an application to be successful it must meet at least one of the following objectives:

- To bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time activities.
- Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation.
- Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education.
- Encourage and/or protect wildlife.

Rushcliffe Borough Council – small funds for nature conservation or community food projects within Rushcliffe. Details online at: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmentandwaste/countryside/grants/

Nottinghamshire Community Foundation (NCF) – an independent charity for the benefit of the people in Nottinghamshire. Details online at <http://nottscf.org.uk/grants/>

Boots Charitable Trust - an independent registered charity in the UK, wholly funded by Boots UK.
More details online at www.boots-uk.com/corporate_social_responsibility/community/boots-charitable-trust.aspx

Co-operative - The Community Fund. More details online at <http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/>

Try the following websites for further help, advice and searches for grant providers:

<http://nottsfc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/EMFF-Funding-the-East-Midlands-November-2013.pdf>
www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx
www.fundraising.co.uk/
www.durhambiodiversity.org.uk/about-biodiversity/funding-sources-for-biodiversity-projects/

Other Contacts (who may be able to advise you)

Rushcliffe Borough Council: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmentandwaste/countryside/grants/
Tel: 0115 0115 981 9911 **E-mail:** environmentalissues@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust: www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/ **Tel:** 0115 958 8242
E-mail: info@nottswt.co.uk

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire: www.rcan.org.uk/ **Tel:** 01623 727 600
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Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service: www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk/ **Tel:** 0115 9699060
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