

Hampshire Community Buildings funding sources list

Grant schemes – local funds

Hampshire County Council

www3.hants.gov.uk/grants

Home page for all grants available from Hampshire County Council.

NOTE ON WEBSITE ADDRESSES

Several website addresses have been shrunk using 'TinyURL'. Clicking on the link will take you to the TinyURL website showing a preview of the web address relating to the grant scheme.

Hampshire County Council Community Buildings Capital Fund

preview.tinyurl.com/k3bhfgu or call 01962 845390

Funding for building works (repairs, extensions and refurbishments) and equipment directly linked with a community building; e.g. stage lighting or sound systems. Grants of up to £15,000, at least 50% match funding required. Next deadline 24 Jul.

Hampshire County Councillor Grants

preview.tinyurl.com/97uk6uv or contact your local County Councillor

Each County Councillor has funding to award to local groups and organisations for activities that fit one or more of the Council's corporate priorities.

Hampshire County Council Community Challenge Fund

preview.tinyurl.com/ktn3nem or call 01962 845390

Grants of up to £5,000 for groups and organisations in rural Hampshire and small market towns. The deadline is 1 March 2015, or earlier if all available funds are allocated.

Your borough / district and parish council

Some councils have reduced or stopped their funding programmes for not-for-profit organisations so check your local situation. You may also be able to ask your parish council for funds from the parish precept or the Public Works Loan Board.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation

www.hantscf.org.uk/ or call 01256 776101

HIWCF runs various grant schemes aimed at local voluntary and community groups. Register with them to receive updates and information on new schemes.

IGas Energy Community Fund

<http://www.igascommunityfund.co.uk/> or call 01249 731007

Grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 for community projects (including work on buildings) near IGas sites, of which Hampshire has five. Scheme currently closed.

Section 106 Developers' Contributions

These are levied on new building developments, and community buildings may be able to obtain funds for improving their facilities. Contact your parish council in the first instance, or your district / borough council (who actually hold the funds).

Community Infrastructure Levy

This new regime will gradually replace Section 106, above, and is due to be introduced across Hampshire during this year. There is a briefing document on the Hampshire County Council website: preview.tinyurl.com/nzpjwe9

Landfill Communities Fund

Not-for-profit organisations operating near waste processing and recycling sites may be able to apply for grants from this Fund. The exact conditions and grant amounts vary from scheme to scheme, but several community halls in Hampshire have been awarded sums of £20,000 or more. Please see below for the contact details.

Veolia: www.veoliatrust.org or call 01902 794677

SITA: www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding or call 01454 262910

Biffa: www.biffa-award.org or call 01636 670000

Viridor: <http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk/> or call 01823 624656

New Forest National Park grants

<http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/info/20125/grants> or call 01590 646600

The National Park Authority awards grants for projects and activities within the New Forest National Park. See the website or call for more information about their schemes.

South Downs Sustainable Communities Fund

www.southdowns.gov.uk/communities/funding or call 0300 303 1053

This fund is intended to support 'local community projects that have a positive impact on future generations and take full consideration of social, economic and environmental concerns'. For applications below £2,000 there is a quick process, with a longer two-stage process for larger grants.

Denplan Community Fund

www.denplan.co.uk/about-denplan/denplan-community-fund or 01962 828 000

The Denplan Community Fund started in 2013 and assists the local area and local people supporting or promoting health and wellbeing, including the environment, sport, music and dance. The Fund also supports those less able to support themselves and local charities. Funding for heritage or building restoration works will usually not be considered.

Gannett Foundation Fund

www.gannettfoundation.org/newsquest.htm or call 01932 821212

Open to local registered charities within the circulation area of a Newsquest publication (this includes the Hampshire Chronicle and several other papers in Hampshire). Grants of up to £50,000 can be awarded but most awards will be between £5,000 and £10,000.

LEADER

Most parts of rural Hampshire are within an area running LEADER, which is aimed at 'creating wealth in rural areas'. You must be very clear about how the local community will benefit from the work for which you are seeking funds.

Contact your local area for the latest news about LEADER but note that grants are not currently being awarded. The schemes are expected to re-open later in 2015.

- Fieldfare – most of Winchester and East Hampshire districts
www.fieldfareleader.org.uk/apply/ or call 01962 848588
- Loddon and Eversley – in north-east Hampshire
www.ruralfunding.co.uk/ or call 01256 381186
- New Forest – covering almost all of New Forest district
www.newforestleader.org.uk or call 023 80285368
- North Wessex Downs – north of Andover and into Basingstoke and Deane
www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/ (click on 'Grants') or call 01458 253614
- Plain Action – parts of western Test Valley
www.plainaction.org.uk/ or call 01380 722475
- Sowing SEEDs – the north-west corner of New Forest district
www.sowing-seeds.org.uk/ or call 01305 215227

BAA Communities Trust

www.southamptonairport.com/about-us/community/

Or call 023 8062 7141 (and say you are calling about the BAA Communities Trust)
Mainly small grants (averaging around £1,000) for a wide range of community organisations and charitable groups working in communities near BAA's airports.

Grant schemes – general national funds

Awards for All

www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html or call 0845 410 2030

Grants from the National Lottery of between £300 and £10,000 for 'projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them'. Awards for All is ideal for projects such as replacing kitchen equipment, installing new windows and the like.

Big Lottery Fund (Reaching Communities)

preview.tinyurl.com/aj562gy or call 0845 410 2030

Reaching Communities is the Big Lottery Fund's main scheme and is open to a wide range of not-for-profit and public bodies. Applications for capital works are allowed up to £100,000.

A strand within Reaching Communities is focused on larger building projects. Grants are available from £100,000 to £500,000. The fund is targeted at areas of deprivation so only a few parts of Hampshire are eligible; check whether you are eligible with the postcode look-up tool on the above website. There is an exceptions process for locations that are just outside an eligible area where the building will mainly benefit people in eligible areas.

Heritage Lottery Fund – Sharing Heritage

preview.tinyurl.com/dynavmj or call 020 7591 6000

Apply for £3,000-£10,000 for heritage activities including exhibitions, festivals, producing publications, conserving items of cultural interest, and supporting volunteers involved in heritage work. Start-up grants will also be available for people keen to establish a new local heritage group.

Sport England – Protecting Playing Fields

preview.tinyurl.com/onjb8ah or call 08458 508 508

A fund for capital projects that create, develop and improve playing fields for sporting and community use. Grants will be available from £10,000 to £65,000, with the next round opening on 14 September 2015 and closing at 5pm on 2 Nov 2015.

Sport England – Inspired Facilities

<http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/> or call 08458 508 508

Grants from £20,000 to £75,000 for improving and refurbishing sports clubs, and to help transform non-sporting venues into modern grassroots sports facilities. The next deadlines are at 5pm on 8 Jun 2015 and 2 Jan 2016.

Comic Relief

preview.tinyurl.com/43h9mg6 or call 020 7820 2000

Comic Relief accepts applications from the voluntary and community sector throughout the UK. There are various grant programmes which change from time to time so see the website or call them to find out about their current priorities for funding.

NEW! National Churches Trust

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants> or call 020 7222 0605

A range of grant schemes for church buildings, including the Community Grants programme to help places of worship become more widely used by the community.

Screwfix Foundation

www.screwfix.com/jsp/landing.jsp?id=ScrewfixFoundation or call 0500 41 41 41

Grants for 'projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK'.

The following national grant-making schemes and trusts offer grants for various projects, usually including work on buildings. Contact them directly for the latest information.

Garfield Weston Foundation

www.garfieldweston.org/ or call 020 7399 6565

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

preview.tinyurl.com/n3ww3ef or call 020 7264 4990

Clothworkers' Foundation

foundation.clothworkers.co.uk or call 020 7623 7041

Henry Smith Charity

www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk or call 020 7264 4970

Tudor Trust

www.tudortrust.org.uk/ or call 020 7727 8522

Rank Foundation

www.rankfoundation.com/ or call 020 7834 7731

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/> or call 020 7408 2198

Santander Foundation

<http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/> (no telephone number listed)

Lloyds Bank Foundation

<http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/> or call 0870 411 1223

People's Postcode Trust

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/> or call 0131 555 7287

Tesco Charity Trust

www.tescopl.com/tescocharitytrust or call 0845 612 3575

Support and funding for energy efficiency / renewable energy

Scottish Power Green Energy Trust

www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/content/ or call 0141 568 3492

This fund is not open at the time of writing, but do check the website for the latest information about the Green Energy Trust programme.

Naturesave Trust: Community Renewable Energy Grants

preview.tinyurl.com/nnnv6dl or call 01803 864390

Small grants for specific initiatives to promote sustainable development, e.g. energy efficiency surveys, solar panels, heat pumps etc.

Pure-Leapfrog Community Energy Fund

preview.tinyurl.com/pharyaz or call 0845 873 2429

Low-interest loans and other support for community renewable energy projects.

Rural Community Energy Fund

www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund

A grant and loan scheme for corporate bodies (i.e. not unincorporated charities like most village halls) to develop renewable energy systems for rural communities.

Urban Community Energy Fund

<https://www.gov.uk/urban-community-energy-fund> or call 0800 038 6345

As per the Rural Community Energy Fund but for projects in urban areas.

Energy Saving Trust

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/ or call 0300 123 1234

The website has a range of resources and information about saving energy and generating your own heat or power.

Other useful contacts

ACRE Rural Community Buildings Loan Fund

www.acre.org.uk/our-work/rural-community-buildings-loan-fund or call 01285 653477
Loans from £1,000 to £20,000 (and occasionally higher) to help community halls in rural areas to meet the cost of capital works. The Fund is often over-subscribed so please contact ACRE as soon as you decide that you might want to apply for a loan.

Charity Bank loans

www.charitybank.org/ or call 01732 774040
Charity Bank can give loans for a range of purposes up to £1,000,000.

Venturesome – loans from the Charities Aid Foundation

preview.tinyurl.com/dya692h or call 0300 0123 300
Venturesome offers loans from £25,000 to £250,000 to charities, social enterprises and community groups.

Third Sector Loan Fund

preview.tinyurl.com/kkznejd9 or call 020 7842 7731
Loans of at least £250,000 for not-for-profit organisations working in any social sector, but focused on improving the well-being of vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

Charity Property Help

preview.tinyurl.com/kpfw8nj
A service run by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors that offers free professional advice and support to charities on building-related issues.

Local solicitors

Some solicitors run charitable trusts for the benefit of small geographical areas. These trusts are unlikely to be widely advertised but may be able to fund your work.

Local businesses

They may be able to help with grants, sponsorship (in return for some publicity), resources, equipment, staff time etc. Be creative with what you can offer local companies in return for their support and use any contacts or other links you have.

Gift Aid

<https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/overview>

If your organisation is charitable (or a Community Amateur Sports Club) and you are embarking on a major fundraising drive, consider registering for Gift Aid. This allows you to claim back at least 25p on every £1 you receive in donations from individuals.

Crowdfunding

This is a new approach to fundraising which uses online technology to enable the gaining and handling of donations from a large number of people.

<http://www.nesta.org.uk/project/crowdfunding> More details on crowdfunding

<https://spacehive.com/Home/AboutUs> A crowdfunding 'platform' aimed at civic projects

Dulux Community Re-Paint scheme

www.communityrepaint.org.uk

Community buildings can apply for paint for their halls from their local scheme.

B & Q

preview.tinyurl.com/2wccga5 or contact your local branch

B & Q stores can donate items like slightly damaged tins of paint and end-of-range materials, and they give grants of up to £250 for projects that save energy, conserve nature, help people grow their own produce or support local culture and heritage.

Further help and tools for finding grants

Your local Council for Voluntary Service

preview.tinyurl.com/pat2qkm to find your local CVS

Make sure you are a member of the CVS in your area as they will know about local funding sources and other useful information.

Online funding search tools

<http://www.idoxgrantfinder.co.uk/> (free for Advice Service subscribers)

Action Hampshire has a subscription to this comprehensive grants and funding database. Subscribers to Action Hampshire's Community Buildings Advice Service can book a Grantfinder session through the Community Buildings Adviser.

<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk> (free)

Funding Central is managed by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO). The site also has advice to help you apply for grants, loans and contracts.

www.j4bcommunity.co.uk/Default.aspx (free)

You can register at this site for a newsletter, email alerts about new funds and an online search tool. The site also has a news section and general advice on applying for funds.

<http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/> (not free)

This database of funding sources from the various levels of government is managed by the Directory of Social Change.