

Hampshire Community Buildings funding sources list

Grant schemes – local funds

Hampshire County Council

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants>

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.

Home pages for all grants available from Hampshire County Council. Please see below for current schemes that are likely to be most relevant for community buildings:

Parish and Town Council Investment Fund

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/parish-town-council-investment-fund>

This fund was set up shortly before the covid-19 pandemic and is now their main route for funding capital projects for community buildings.

Rural Communities Fund

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/rural-communities-fund>

The RCF is intended to support a range of rural development and resilience projects.

Also see the County Councillor Grants, for small grants from the Councillor covering your area:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

Landfill Communities Fund

These schemes are for not-for-profit organisations operating near waste processing and recycling sites. The exact conditions and grant amounts vary from scheme to scheme, but several community buildings in Hampshire have been awarded sums of £20,000 or more.

Veolia: www.veoliatrust.org or call 0203 567 6820

Suez: preview.tinyurl.com/ybqm7vyb or call 01934 524013

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

Your borough / district and parish council

You may be able to ask your parish council for funds directly or via the [Public Works Loan Board](#). Also, some borough / district councils run grant schemes for not-for-profit groups. Keep in touch with the relevant officers and the councillors that cover your area.

Section 106 Developers' Contributions / Community Infrastructure Levy

These are levied on new building developments, and community buildings may be able to obtain funds for improving their facilities. The funds are held by borough / district councils, but if you have a parish / town council then contact them first to explain your need and find out what funds are available for your area.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation

<http://www.hiwcf.com/> or call 01256 798700

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

New Forest National Park grants

<http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/communities/grants/> or call 01590 646634

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

<https://preview.tinyurl.com/y3ybomhm> or call 01730 819219

Funding for projects that bring 'social, environmental, economic or cultural benefits to a community within the National Park'. Grants of £250-£10,000 are available, covering up to 50% of the total project cost. (Work on community buildings is not currently eligible.)

Police and Crime Commissioner

<https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-together/funding/apply-for-funding>

or call 01962 871595

Grants and contracting opportunities with the Police and Crime Commissioner are listed here.

Southern Electric Resilient Communities Fund

<https://www.ssepd.co.uk/resiliencefund/> or call 0141 224 7712

To help communities deal with severe weather that disrupts electricity supplies.

Scheme due to reopen later in 2021.

Gannett Foundation Fund

No central webpage – apply via your local Newsquest newspaper

Open to local registered charities within the circulation area of a Newsquest publication (this includes the Hampshire Chronicle and several other papers in Hampshire).

IGas Energy Community Fund

<http://www.igascommunityfund.co.uk/> or call 07768 498148

Grants to help local communities located close to the oil and gas production and exploration sites that IGas operates. Four of their sites are in Hampshire.

Scheme currently closed.

Grant schemes – national funds for buildings and rural projects

These national funding bodies offer grants for various projects, usually including work on buildings. Contact them directly for the latest information.

ACRE Village Hall Improvement Grant

<http://acre.org.uk/our-work/village-hall-improvement-grant%20fund> or call 01285 653477

Grants of up to £75,000 for major building works on halls in villages and small towns.

Scheme currently closed but please log your interest so the demand can be noted.

The National Lottery Community Fund

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/> or call 0345 410 2030

This is the new name for the Big Lottery Fund. Details of all the Community Fund programmes, both for large and small grants, can be found from this main site and on this phone number.

Garfield Weston Foundation

www.garfieldweston.org/ or call 020 7399 6565

Several community halls and centres have recently been funded through the 'Community' strand, with grants from £1,000 to well over £100,000. Their policy is to give grants of a fairly small proportion of the total project cost, typically around 10% for building works.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (phone number 020 7264 4990)

<https://preview.tinyurl.com/yapp2qqf> (specific fund for some community buildings)

preview.tinyurl.com/n3ww3ef (home page for all their grants)

Tesco Community Grants

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/> or call 0121 237 5780

Grants of up to £2,000 for a wide range of community projects / activities.

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation (buildings and equipment costs only)

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

Screwfix Foundation

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/> or call 0500 41 41 41

Grants of up to £5,000 for work on community buildings and people's homes.

B&Q Foundation

<https://www.neighbourly.com/BandQFoundation>

Grants to registered charities for a range of purposes, including improving community spaces.

Sport England

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/> or call 0345 8508 508

National Lottery funding relevant to community buildings with any kind of sporting facilities.

Pilgrim Trust – (preserving heritage, including buildings)
<https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/> or call 020 7834 6510

The Prince's Countryside Fund
<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>
Grants for projects that will have 'a long-term positive impact on rural communities'.

Heritage Fund (previously the Heritage Lottery Fund)
<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding> or call 020 7591 6042
A range of grant schemes, some of which will be relevant to community buildings.

National Churches Trust
<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants> or call 020 7222 0605
Particularly note the Community Grants programme to increase churches' community usage.

Allchurches Trust
<https://www.allchurches.co.uk/>
Mainly capital funding for churches and other Christian-based charities.

Power to Change Bright Ideas Fund and Community Business Fund
<http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/bright-ideas-fund/>
<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/community-business-fund/>
Funding to start and develop community businesses such as shops, pubs, farms, and cafes.
Community halls and associations might be able to apply for aspects of their own work; see the websites for more details.

Henry Smith Charity
www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk or call 020 7264 4970

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

Clothworkers' Foundation
foundation.clothworkers.co.uk or call 020 7623 7041

Masonic Charitable Foundation
<https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/> or call 020 3146 3337
Current priorities: disadvantaged children and young people and reducing isolation in later life.

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

Aviva Community Fund

<https://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/> (no telephone number listed)

Asda Foundation

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/> Apply through your local Asda store

People's Postcode Trust and Postcode Community Trust 0131 555 7287

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/> <http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/>

Foyle Foundation

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/noywuax> or call 020 7430 9119

Support and funding for energy efficiency / renewable energy

Rural Community Energy Fund

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund>

A grant scheme of up to £100,000 for the development of renewable energy projects that will benefit rural communities (not just individual organisations in those communities). The Fund is being run by across England by five 'Energy Hubs'; with southern Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in the South West Energy Hub and the rest of Hampshire in the South East:

<https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/south-west-energy-hub/>

<https://www.energyhub.org.uk/>

Naturesave Trust: Community Renewable Energy Grants

<https://www.naturesave.co.uk/the-naturesave-trust/> or call 01803 864390

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

MCS Charitable Foundation

<https://www.mcscharitablefoundation.org/>

Grants for renewable energy and low carbon technology projects. These 'should have a UK-wide impact, either through having a national reach or through developing/demonstrating an innovative approach that could be replicated, adapted or scaled up.'

ACRE Rural Community Buildings Loan Fund

www.acre.org.uk/our-work/rural-community-buildings-loan-fund or call 01285 653477

For halls in rural areas, this loan fund is worth considering if you need funding for work that will quickly reduce your energy bills (e.g. by improving your building's insulation) or increase your income (e.g. by making your building more appealing to potential hirers). Then you can use the money saved to pay off the loan. See the next page for more details about the Loan Fund.

Energy audit tool for use by community building staff and committees

preview.tinyurl.com/o8h6nqm

The Centre for Sustainable Energy has an energy audit template that you can download free of charge from their website (at the link above). It is intended for use by non-experts and should provide useful evidence to help with grant applications and other fundraising.

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.

Carbon Trust

<https://www.carbontrust.com/resources>

Guides and toolkits on a range of energy-related issues. The most useful topic for community buildings to search in is probably 'Future energy systems'.

Loan schemes and 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.

Other loan funding

Co-op Foundation

<https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/> (scroll to the bottom of the page)

Interest-free loans of up to £50,000 for 'enterprising ideas to improve community spaces'. See the website for examples of projects they would like to support.

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/hanu5cs or call 0300 0123 300

Loans to incorporated organisations only, for a wide range of charitable / social purposes.

We recommend that unincorporated organisations (e.g. village hall charitable trusts) do not generally consider borrowing money, because of the potential liability to the charity trustees as individuals. The ACRE Loan Fund (above) is an exception; it is specifically designed for small, unincorporated charities, with flexible terms and a low interest rate.

Gift Aid

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

Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs embarking on a major fundraising drive should consider registering for Gift Aid. You can then claim 25p for every £1 you receive in donations from individuals. Also see: <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/small-donations-scheme>

Free or low-cost legal advice

We may be able to access free initial legal advice, followed by (optionally) at-cost further work. Contact Kevin (details at the top of the page) for details.

Charity Property Help: preview.tinyurl.com/zexvzd5

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

LawWorks: <https://www.lawworks.org.uk/legal-advice-not-profits>

This service links up charities and non-profit groups in need of legal advice with solicitors willing to give their time free of charge. Their resources are limited and community halls are low on their list of priority groups, but it may be worth asking if your resources are very tight.

Ethical Property Foundation

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/pndegfk> or call 0300 333 6595
Free initial advice on buying, managing, and letting property.

Cranfield Trust

<https://www.cranfieldtrust.org/> or call 01794 830338
Free advice for charities on management consultancy and HR issues.

Local solicitors and churches

Some solicitors and churches (especially Church of England) run funds focusing on small geographical areas. These aren't often advertised widely 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.

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.

<https://www.charitydigitalnews.co.uk/2019/02/21/the-best-free-online-fundraising-platforms-for-charities/> A list of crowdfunding sites for charities

Two of the most well-known fundraising platforms used by charities are Just Giving and Virgin Money Giving. See the links below for more details:

<https://www.justgiving.com/for-charities/a-new-free-way-to-join-justgiving>

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/charities/>

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.

Community Payback

<https://www.gov.uk/nominate-community-payback-project>

Formerly known as Community Service. Organisations put themselves forward to get support from offenders, with decorating a community centre being one of the suggested projects.

Further help and tools for finding grants

Online funding search tools

<https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk/>

A free database of funding bodies, along with other toolkits and resources.

<https://www.myfundingcentral.co.uk/>

A database of funding bodies, free for organisations with an annual income of up to £30,000.

Note: Funding Central, the free database run by NCVO, was closed in March 2021.

Your local Council for Voluntary Service

<https://www.hampshirecvs.org.uk/> 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.

Your Local Authority

It is also well worth keeping in touch with every level of Local Authority that covers your area – e.g. for rural Hampshire this means Hampshire County Council, your district / borough council, and your parish / town council.

Get to know the elected members (councillors) for your local area, and find out who the key officers are for issues like planning, licensing, funding, and community development.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/> - Hampshire County Council home page

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1> – County Councillors list

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hampshire_County_Council - details of districts / boroughs

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/Maps/HampshireParishes-A3.pdf> - civil parishes map