



POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH WEST

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This guide is intended to assist in the development of biodiversity projects in the South West by identifying suitable funding sources. Its primary purpose is to give some basic information about each funding scheme and then provide a link to further information. The list is not exhaustive, if you know of any updates or omissions please contact Biodiversity South West.

Funding source	Aim of funding	Conditions of funding	Dates and deadlines	Funds available	Match funding needed?
Life +	<p>The aim of the Life+ programme is to contribute to the development and implementation of EU environmental policy and legislation.</p> <p>Life+ funding has three components –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Life+ Nature & Biodiversity 2) Life+ Environmental Policy & Governance 3) Life+ Information & Communication 	This source of funding is aimed at large scale projects (generally in excess of 1 million €)	Annually – July 2008	The European Commission favours the co-financing of large, ambitious Life+ proposals, historically the average grant awarded has been in excess of 1 million €	Yes, 50% of total eligible costs. Can be 25% in exceptional circumstances for Life+ Nature where the project is focused on priority species or habitat types of the Birds and Habitats Directives.
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	ERDF was established to stimulate economic development in less prosperous regions of the European	ERDF programmes in England have been developed in line with existing regional strategies (e.g.	Contact SWRDA for more information -	Contact SWRDA for more information - www.southwestrda.org.uk	Yes, 50% match funding (25% in Cornwall and the Isles

	Union (EU).	Regional Economic and Spatial Strategies). ERDF might prove difficult to access for biodiversity unless a project has a strong economic benefit angle.	www.southwestrda.org.uk/		of Scilly).
INTERREG IVC	The overall theme of INTERREG IVC is to strengthen and deepen cross-border co-operation with an emphasis on supporting strategic plans and projects to maximise the impact of the funds throughout the eligible area. The Programme will focus on developing a dynamic economy, supporting infrastructure and promoting innovative ways of addressing specific cross-border problems.	The INTERREG IVC programme has the following thematic priorities: - Innovation and the Knowledge , based Economy – focusing mainly on innovation, research and technology - Environment and Risk Prevention – focusing on natural and technological risks (including climate change), water management, waste management, biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage (including air quality), energy and sustainable transport, cultural heritage and landscape. The total budget for this component is €157 million of which €125 million is an ERDF contribution.	The initial round of applications is closed. Visit the INTERREG IVC website for details of future rounds.	Over the period 2007-2013, €302 million is being made available to co-finance projects implemented by EU partners.	
Environmental Stewardship	Environmental Stewardship is an agri-environment scheme which provides funding to farmers and other land managers in England who deliver effective environmental management on their land.	There are three elements to Environmental Stewardship – 1) Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) which is open to all farmers and landowners and relates to simple and effective land management 2) Organic Entry Level Stewardship (OELS) which is the organic strand of ELS and is open to all farmers not receiving Organic Farming Scheme (OFS)	Contact - Customer Support Unit, PO Box 277, Bristol BS10 6NJ Tel: 0845 6024098 Fax: 0117 9505392 email: BDCSW.Genesis@naturalengland.org.uk	Funding depends on the scheme. ELS is currently funded at £30 per ha per year. OELS is funded at £60 per ha per year. HLS payments depend on the choice of options.	

		3) Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) which involves targeted environmental management and capital work plans.			
Local Action (The Leader Approach)	The Leader approach comes under Axis 4 of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), 2007 – 2013.	Local Action is an area based and a bottom up approach. It is based on sustainable development and aims to integrate across the RDPE axes (environment, social and economic) with the main delivery bodies working together.	Local Action is administered by the South West RDA. Final bids need to be received no later than 1700 on Friday 23rd May 2008.	£28m is available for the period 2007 - 2013 with a minimum threshold of £1.25m per Local Action Group (LAG).	There is a presumption that Defra/EU funding will be matched by private funds.
English Woodland Grants Scheme	The English Woodland Grant Scheme (EWGS) is the Forestry Commission's suite of grants designed to develop the co-ordinated delivery of public benefits from England's woodlands. EWGS is supported via the Rural Development Programme for England.	Land and grants recipients need to be registered.	Prospectus 2008 information will be published in May 2008.	Dependant on the type of grant, visit the EWGS website .	
HLF – Your Heritage	To celebrate, protect and learn more about our heritage (including our natural heritage).	Projects must encourage learning, involvement with and access to our heritage.	ongoing	£5,000 - £50,000	No specified minimum co-funding, but some is needed.
HLF – Landscape Partnerships	To celebrate, protect and learn more about our heritage at a landscape scale involving partnership working and communities	Grants based round a portfolio of projects, which combine to provide a varied package of benefits to an area, its communities which live, work and visit there.	New Landscape Partnerships application materials and guidance will be available from 7 April 2008. The deadline for stage-one applications is 30 November 2008 with first decisions in April 2009.	£250,000 - £2 million	Yes, 10% if grant is below £1 million, 25% over £1 million.
Big Lottery Fund – Awards For All	Grants for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health	Grants can be awarded to voluntary or community organisations, parish or town councils, schools or health bodies.	Ongoing	£300 - £10,000	No

	in the local community.	The project must be completed and all funds spent within one year of our award.			
Big Lottery Fund – Community Spaces	The Community Spaces programme aims to create better local environments, increase people’s access to quality local spaces for interaction, play and recreation. Increase the number of people actively involved in developing and running a practical environmental project that is visible in their community and to improve partnerships between communities, support organisations and local authorities.	Applications must be from community groups and must show that projects will improve local neighbourhoods and environments. Projects must be in England, within two miles radius of a residential area and be open to the public most of the time.	Community Spaces small and medium grants will be open for applications for approximately three years on a rolling basis.	Small grants - £10,000 - £25,000 Medium grants - £25,001 - £49,999 Large grants - £50,000 - £100,000 Flagship grants - £100,001 - £450,000	Small, medium and large grants will not have any match funding requirements. Flagship projects will need to acquire match funding and there will be a minimum requirement of £50,000 and a maximum of £450,000.
Big Lottery Fund – Access to Nature	The scheme will focus on – - Community awareness and active participation, - Education, learning and volunteering. - Welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places.	Applications will be accepted from Voluntary and Community Sector organisations, which includes Charitable incorporated organisations, Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, Charitable Trusts and the public sector. To qualify for funding, organisations must show evidence of partnership working and how they intend to involve the people they are trying to reach in developing, making decisions about and implementing the project.	Access to Nature Grant Scheme will open for applications in early 2008.	£50,000 - £500,000. A small number of larger grants of over £500,000 will be available for projects which have a national significance.	£50,000 - £100,000 will require 10% match funding (no cash requirement). Over £100,000 and up to £500,000 will require 20% match funding (minimum 10% in cash). Over £500,000 requires 30% match funding (minimum 10% in cash).
Big Lottery Fund – Local Food	Grants are available for not-for-profit groups and organisations in England delivering such projects as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising	Local Authorities are unable to apply directly to Local Food. However, they can be a formal partner in a bid with a community ‘not for profit’ organisation.	For the Small and Main grants there are no deadlines, it is a rolling programme,	£2,000 - £500,000	Grants under £20,000 do not require match funding. Grants from £20,001 to £100,000 require 10% match

	awareness of the benefits of such activities.		although all funded projects must be completed by March 2014.		funding. Grants from £100,001 to £300,000 require 20% match funding. Grants over £300,001 require 30% match funding. At least 50% of match funding must be cash.
Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF)	The aim of ALSF is to address the environmental and social costs of aggregate extraction through delivery of environmental improvements, minimising the demand for primary aggregates and reducing the local effects of aggregate extraction.	Any project must tangibly mitigate for the effect of aggregate quarrying and be located close to a quarry.	Normally annually	£5,000 - £350,000	Yes, at least 25%
SITA Trust	<p>Enhancing Communities Programme: for community improvement projects within ten miles of an active landfill site owned by SITA UK.</p> <p>Enriching Nature Programme: for wildlife projects within ten miles of any landfill site in England.</p>	<p>The maximum length of project that can attract funding is three years.</p> <p>SITA provide funding to support species and habitats that have been identified as a priority by the Biodiversity Action Planning process. SITA Trust can fund physical improvements at specified sites, as well as monitoring and research at specific sites.</p> <p>Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund</p>	There are application deadlines throughout the year, the next being 25 th June 2008.	<p>Small Fund: projects up to £25,000 - projects of this value should ideally meet national and regional priorities for species and habitats, but local priorities will also be considered.</p> <p>Large Fund: projects up to £175,000 - projects of this value must meet national priorities for species and habitats.</p>	Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured for the project. A contribution from a third party to cover the 10.2% amount that can not be met through landfill tax must be provided.
Biffaward – Biodiversity	The aim of Biffaward – Biodiversity is to support site-based projects that protect and enhance biodiversity, concentrating on species and habitats that have been identified as a priority in Biodiversity Action Plans or similar	<p>Projects must be within 10 miles of a landfill site and within 25 miles of a Biffa site.</p> <p>Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund</p>	Ongoing	Up to £50,000	Yes, 10% match funding

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Biffaward – Flagship	Through the Flagship scheme Biffa aim to fund projects that are regionally or nationally unique.	The Flagship Scheme supports two themes - rebuilding biodiversity and cultural facilities. Biffa no longer support community buildings through this scheme. Projects must be site-based, within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and ten miles of an active landfill. The organisation making the application must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body. Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund	Applications are accepted only at certain times of the year. The next closing date for ‘expressions of interest’ is 1 st July 2008.	£150,000 - £500,000	For more information contact the Regional Grants Officer on 01636 670000.
Biffaward – Small Grants	The small grants scheme offers quicker access to lower levels of funding.	Projects must be within 10 miles of a landfill site and within 25 miles of a Biffa site. The project must be eligible to be registered with ENTRUST. There will need to be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year. The funds must be for site based work, funding can not be given retrospectively. Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund	Ongoing	£250 - £5,000 (the whole project must not be more than £10,000 in total).	
Cemex Community Fund	Projects that provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social, built and/or natural environment.	Projects must be within 10 miles of a Cemex site, preferably within 3 miles. Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund	Three deadline dates for applications a year.	£1,000 - £15,000	No
The Veolia Environmental Trust	Projects awarded under category DA must be for ‘the conservation of a	Projects must be on land or in water situated within 10 miles of a		The maximum limit for any award is £150,000,	A minimum of 20% of funding needs to be

	specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs’.	licensed landfill site. Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund		although only a few exceptional projects are likely to be considered at this level. It is most unlikely that anything over £100,000 will be granted. The average award is now between £30,000 and £40,000.	secured for projects with a total cost exceeding £25,000.
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	Grant are given to projects with an interest in the UK’s cultural life, education, the natural environment and enabling people who are disadvantaged to participate more fully in society. There is a funding strand for biodiversity that supports practical conservation action and the science that underpins it. The strand will focus on species and habitats that are uncharismatic or hard to fund and aims to support the development of effective conservation approaches. Linking science and practical action, it will prioritise partnership applications involving research organisations, practical conservation charities and voluntary nature societies	Doesn’t fund Capital costs – meaning construction or refurbishment costs or items of equipment (other than those essential to a project we are supporting). So won’t fund work that is primarily the responsibility of central or local government, health trusts or health authorities, or which benefits from their funding.	Ongoing	No funding limits, the average grant given is £50,000	No
The Tubney Charitable Trust	Projects that make measurable, significant and sustainable contributions to the achievement of targets for practical action outlined in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan for priority habitats and species. That reflect and respond to the current situation and impending changes affecting the natural environment and	Will only support UK charities. Capital works only funded as part of a larger project.	Ongoing	Grants over £30,000	No limit set, but the Trust are unlikely to fund the entire project.

	its conservation e.g. legislation, climate change, agri-environment schemes, other statutory funding. Projects that take holistic approaches to nature conservation. For example, landscape scale approaches, enlarging important sites or linking fragmented habitats. Incorporate rigorous monitoring and evaluation. Disseminate the knowledge and experience gained. Provide significant and long-term biodiversity gains which fully justify the costs and risks.				
The Dulverton Trust	Projects addressing general conservation issues within the United Kingdom are of prime importance with the emphasis being on the protection of wildlife habitats.	The Trust only accepts applications from registered charities or those with officially recognised charitable status. It cannot under any circumstances provide support for individuals. One-off grants only. Single species appeals are rarely considered.	Ongoing	Major grants normally between £5,000 to £25,000 (in exceptional cases large awards are made). Minor grants up to a maximum of £3,000.	Must show what sources of funding have been sought or secured for the project.
The Garfield Weston Foundation	No specific priorities.	Support from the Foundation can only be given to charitable groups. One-off grants only.	Ongoing	There is no limit on the size of grant. Every application is considered on its own merits.	Must show what sources of funding have been sought or secured for the project.
The Gerald Micklem Charitable Trust	No specific priorities. Grants can be one-off or recurring.	Will not make grants to individuals or to organisations that are not registered charities.	Deadline is the end of November for the following year's funding round.	No limit, but £2,000 to £3,000 is the norm.	No
J Paul Getty Jr Charitable Trust	The Trust supports four main issues – social welfare, arts, conservation and environment.	The main aim of the fund is to 'alleviate poverty and misery'.	Ongoing	£5,000 - £15,000	Some match funding is normally required.
Leonard Laity Stoaie Charitable Trust	This trust supports environmental causes in South West England.	There is a strong preference to support organisations registered as charities. The trust's special interest is Methodism.	Applications considered in March and September.	£100 - £2,000	Yes

Naturesave Trust	Projects with a long term benefit which deal proactively with the root of a particular problem as opposed to merely reacting to the effects.	General administration costs are not eligible for support. The projects considered must be from environmental and conservationist groups and organisations.	Ongoing	No limit stated.	No
Oak Foundation	Projects relating to the marine environment and to climate change.	Projects should target the root causes of problems, demonstrate solutions that can be adopted, promote collaboration among organisations and funders and involve the target population in the planning and implementation of the project.	Ongoing	The foundation will not fund project under US\$25,000 except in exceptional circumstances.	Yes
Chestnut Fund	The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity, making grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by BTCV.	Groups must be part of the BTCV Community Network to qualify.	Ongoing	Start-up grants are available to groups in their first year of existence. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses The maximum grant will be £120. Support grants are for groups who have no money for tools, equipment and training. The maximum grant will be £350.	No
The Bromley Trust	One of the Bromley Trust's objectives is to oppose the extinction of the world's fauna and flora and the destruction of the environment for wildlife and for mankind worldwide.	The Trust supports charities in the UK that promote sustainability and help develop responsible knowledge and use of the world's resources. Current areas of focus are UK Sustainability and climate change. The Trust does not support local conservation projects or charities that work with single	Grants are made bi-annually.	No size limit specified.	No

		species.			
Black Environment Network	The Black Environment Network provides a small grant scheme called 'The Ethnic Minorities Award Scheme for Environmental Projects' (EMAS).	This grant is aimed at schools, community groups and individuals undertaking projects which concern the environment and involve people from ethnic communities.	Ongoing, but resources are limited.	Up to £500, also offers advice service for projects over £500.	No
People's Trust for Endangered Species	The People's Trust for Endangered Species is dedicated to funding scientific researchers and conservationists whose work is aimed at the preservation of endangered species and their habitats.	The Trust welcome applications from voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers, individuals and consortia for financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals in the British Isles.	The advisory group meets annually, usually in December.	£250 - £30,000 (average is around £9,000)	Applicants must disclose other sources of potential funding.
The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust	Priorities for grant assistance from the Trust include natural history and wildlife.	The Trust makes grants for specific items rather than for running costs.	Trustees generally meet twice a year to approve grants.	Grants over £500.	No
Dorset Community Chest	The Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest provides voluntary organisations with a share of a £20,000 fund or practical voluntary help from Hall & Woodhouse employees.	Support is available for voluntary or community organisations or groups based in Dorset. Projects involving conservation and the environment are eligible.	The deadline for 2008 is Saturday 26 th April 2008.	A grant of up to £3,000	Applicants must disclose other sources of funding.