

Suggested Funding Resources for Community Park Projects

When Fields in Trust has grants available for improvement works to Fields in Trust protected parks these will be publicised through our ezine, website and in communications to members.

Below we have listed some further suggested funding opportunities that might be suitable for your fundraising proposals.

Please be aware that the following funding opportunities relate to external organisations. Fields in Trust is not responsible for any changes to their funding policies, and cannot guarantee that your funding application will be successful.

If your site is safeguarded by Fields in Trust, its protected status means that it is a guaranteed long-term investment in the local community, so we advise highlighting this when making grant applications. We hope you find this document useful and wish you the best of luck with reaching your funding target!

Fields in Trust Membership

Fields in Trust membership gives you access to excellent discounts on playground and sports equipment, outdoor furniture, and maintenance services. These discounts can make a real difference to those who are raising funds to improve their community green spaces.

Discounts include:

15% off [Proludic](#) equipment

15% off [Playdale](#) equipment and 5% off Playdale RPII Inspections

10% off [Playmaintain](#) inspection, maintenance and installation services

10% off [Stadia Sports](#) products

Membership is just £50 per year for Parish/Town Councils and Community Groups. Sign up online [here](#) or email friends@fieldsintrust.org for more information.

Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund gives out millions of pounds from the National Lottery to good causes every year. Funding goes to community, environment, health and education projects. The Big Lottery Fund's 'Awards for All' programme funds small, community based projects across the UK. www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is the leading regeneration organisation dedicated to improving the quality of life in Britain's former mining communities. www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/division-missing/coalfields-community-investment-programme-ccip-funding-support/

Community Foundation Network

The Community Foundation Network is the national network for all accredited Community Foundations across the country. Their network consists of 46 Community Foundations and they cover the whole of the United Kingdom. Community Foundations are the only way for local people to give right to the heart of their communities wherever they live across Britain. The network of accredited Community Foundations gives grants totaling over £65 million annually. www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-network

Co-op Local Community Fund

The Co-op Local Community Fund is the Coop's way of giving back to their members and their communities. Co-op members get 1% of everything they spend on Co-op products to give to a local cause that matters to them. The next round of funding will open in May 2017.

They look for 3 projects in each of around 1,500 local communities across the UK which:

- benefit the local community centred around Co-op food stores and funeral homes
- have the greatest possible benefit to their community
- make maximum use of the amount of funding available

causes.coop.co.uk

Crowdfunder

Crowd funding is a way to raise money, awareness and support for a project, from the people around you. Crowdfunder enables people with great ideas to raise the money they need, in return for 'rewards'. The public can back your idea with pledges of money, and project owners can 'thank' their backers with rewards that reflect the money contributed (rewards can be very simple things like listing all those who contributed on a plaque).

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/workingwith/fieldsintrust

Easy Fundraising

Easy Fundraising is a way to raise money for good causes through shopping online with over 3,000 retailers.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Government Funding.org

This site outlines the availability of government grants for voluntary and community organisations. It gives details of possible grants from a number of Government Departments including Health; the Home Office; Education and Skills; and Transport.

www.governmentfunding.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund

Awards funding raised by the players of the National Lottery to good causes such as community gardens, nature sites and public parks. Grants range from £3,000 to many million and are available

through constantly open programmes such as Sharing Heritage (£3,000 to £10,000), Our Heritage (£10,000 to £100,000) and the biannual Parks for People (£100,000 to £5million). Projects must be time limited and have a focus on the cultural and/or natural heritage of a place including activities to engage people in caring for, learning about or celebrating their local green heritage. In England Parks for People grants are awarded jointly with Big Lottery Fund.

www.hlf.org.uk

J4bGrants

This free to use grant search facility allows users to search through thousands of grants and loans.

www.j4bgrants.co.uk

The Landfill Communities Fund

The Landfill Communities Fund is a tax credit scheme enabling operators of landfill sites to contribute money to organisations enrolled with ENTRUST as Environmental Bodies. Environmental Bodies carry out projects that comply with the objectives set out by The Landfill Communities Fund - one of which is to fund 'the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity'. The most common way to receive funding is to approach an Environmental Body who distributes funds on behalf of one or more Landfill Operators. They help others to access Landfill Communities Fund monies.

www.entrust.org.uk/environmental-bodies/eb-search

Local Authority Funding

Almost all Local Authorities have departments in charge of sport and leisure facilities. All levels of local government will have grant programmes set up to support organisations in their area.

The London Marathon Charitable Trust

The London Marathon Charitable Trust awards grants for projects that inspire and increase the numbers of people regularly taking part in physical activities in South East England. The Trust has two open grant programmes to which applications can be made: the Small Capital Project Grants (awards of between £5,000 and £19,999) and the Major Capital Project Grants (awards of between £20,000 and £150,000). Applications can be made online throughout the year.

www.lmct.org.uk/what-we-fund/grant-programmes/

National Association of Voluntary Councils

National Association for Voluntary and Community Action is the national voice of local support and development organisations in England. They provide their members with networking opportunities, specialist advice, support, policy information and training. National Association for Voluntary and Community Action is a bridge between local groups and national government, funders and decision makers.

www.navca.org.uk

One Stop Carriers for Causes

Carriers for Causes grants are available for good causes within two miles of a One Stop shop. Grants, of up to £1000 will be available to support projects that 'benefit local communities - helping to improve lives and local places'. One Stop's 'Carriers for Causes' is funded through the money raised from the 5p bag charge in One Stop stores in England, Wales and Scotland.

www.groundwork.org.uk/Pages/Category/Carriers-for-Causes-uk

Sport England | Sport Northern Ireland | sportscotland | Sport Wales

Sport England, Sport Wales, sportscotland and Sport Northern Ireland are committed to investing in clubs and projects to create an environment that encourages more people to play sport.

www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/

www.sportni.net/Funding

www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding/funding/

www.sportwales.org.uk/funding--support.aspx

The Sport and Recreation Alliance

The Sport and Recreation Alliance is the umbrella body for sport and recreation in the UK and represents 320 members – organisations like The FA, the Rugby Football Union, British Athletics, Ramblers, British Rowing and the Exercise Movement and Dance Partnership. A useful online resource.

www.sportandrecreation.org.uk

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

Gives grants to registered charities or registered CASCs (Community Amateur Sports Clubs) in England and Wales. The foundation will only accept applications for capital projects.

www.bernardsunley.org/funding-policy.html

Comic Relief: Try for Change and Levelling the Field

Comic Relief raises money through Sports Relief and Red Nose Day in order to distribute funds to projects which alleviate poverty and social injustice.

Comic Relief and England Rugby's Try for Change Small Grants Fund is seeking proposals from grassroots community organisations using rugby union as a tool for social change. Open for applications from 6th February 2017 to 31st March 2017 (midday).

Levelling the Field is seeking proposals from organisations working in partnership in the UK, which use the power of sport to empower women and girls to reach their full potential. Open for applications from 5th January 2017 to 16th March 2017 (midday).

www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives

Cory Environmental Trust

Supports a number of Trusts through the Landfill Communities Fund in the areas of the country where Cory Environmental provides waste management services. Playing field and play area projects should be eligible under the Community Improvement funding stream.

www.coryenvironmental.co.uk/community-grants/cory-environmental-trust-in-britain/

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)

The England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) Interest Free Loan Scheme provides finance to clubs for capital projects to help them build and ensure a sustainable future. All scheme applicants must demonstrate that funds will be used to benefit the general community and not just a small group.

All ECB affiliated cricket clubs can apply as can other organisations that can evidence achievement/delivery of the EWCT's charitable aims. ECB Clubmark registration or accreditation is not a requirement when applying.

www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding/england-wales-cricket-trust-interest-free-loan

The England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) Small Grant Scheme is designed to help clubs make small changes to improve their long-term sustainability and/or to increase the number of games played during the season.

Your club can apply for a small grant (from £1,000 to £4,000) towards the purchase of any relevant products or materials (and associated professional labour costs) under one of the following project themes: covers, kitchen and social area, energy/water consumption, flood defence measures

www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding/england-wales-cricket-trust-small-grant

Football Foundation

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit, with money provided by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Foundation.

The Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £10,000 for the provision of capital items, or to refurbish/improve existing facilities.

The Foundation's Grow the Game Scheme provides grants of up to £1,500 for the creation of new football teams and coaching qualifications, with money provided by The FA.

www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/

Gatwick Airport Community Trust

Funding available within parts of East and West Sussex, Surrey and Kent that fall within the Trust's area of benefit. Sporting facilities and improvements to community facilities are among the type of projects the Trust will fund. Priority will be given to those people directly affected by Gatwick Airport operations. Grants are made once a year.

www.gact.org.uk/application.php

Lord's Taverners

Funding for recreational cricket across the UK, including cricket kit bags and non-turf pitches. A variety of funding streams are available including for sensory packages and outdoor play.

www.lordstaverners.org/applications

The M&S Community Energy Fund

Up to £350,000 in grants available to community groups looking to install renewable technology or energy efficiency measures. You can register your interest for the next round of funding now.

www.mandsenergyfund.com

Metropolitan Public Gardens Association

The MPGA gives grants and practical assistance to community gardens and green sites across London.

www.mpga.org.uk

Peter Harrison Foundation

The Peter Harrison Foundation is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. Their 'Opportunities Through Sport' funding programme funds projects that provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people.

www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/opportunities-through-sport

The People's Health Trust

Active Communities funding – in eligible areas for projects that make neighbourhoods better, including setting up green space in urban areas.

www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding

Playing Field Legacy Fund

The Playing Fields Legacy Fund provides grants to voluntary organisations that run or manage playing fields. Applicants will be expected to secure a major percentage of the total eligible project costs from other sources, and we strongly urge applicants to involve local businesses and other funding partners. They expect that the project, once completed, will result in more people using playing fields to take part in outdoor sport.

www.playingfieldslegacyfund.org.uk/funding/

People's Postcode Local Trust

Provides financial support for good causes that help communities enhance their natural environment in a way that benefits the wider community.

www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant

SUEZ Community Trust

SUEZ Communities Trust is an ethical funding organisation dedicated to making lasting improvements to the natural environment and community life.

www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding

Sported

Sported is a free membership organisation that supports community sport clubs and groups across the UK that deliver Sport for Development.

www.sported.org.uk

Tesco Bags of Help

The money raised by Tesco customers is used to pay for a large number of local projects to support community participation in the development and use of open spaces across England, Wales and Scotland. Projects that get the green light as a result of the funding include volunteer training, physical improvements of open spaces, equipment purchases, community events, sports and leisure activities. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/the-tesco-bags-of-help-programme-tes2

The Veolia Environmental Trust

Funds community projects across the UK, including restoring green spaces, improving community halls and creating new play areas and skate parks. Projects must be within proximity to a site owned by Veolia Trust.

www.veoliatrust.org/funding/

Viridor Credits

Viridor Credits funds community, heritage and biodiversity projects through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

www.viridor-credits.co.uk/

WHSmith Trust

The WHSmith Trust is now offering grants of up to £500 to voluntary organisations and schools from the proceeds of the compulsory carrier bag levy. There are two annual application rounds – 1st October to 31st March and 1st April to 30th September.

blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/

WREN

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. Grants are available worth £2,000 - £50,000.

www.wren.org.uk/apply