

# Environmental funding streams

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# Key



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Climatology



Conservation  
& Ecology



Contaminated  
Land



Energy



Education &  
Training



Environmental  
Management



Forestry &  
Landscaping



Hydrology



Impact  
Assessment



Marine  
Science



Sustainability



Transport



Waste  
Management

## 1. Ashden Awards



**Funding stream:** UK Ashden Awards

**Key theme/s:** Sustainable Energy, Behavioural Change

**Funding goals:** Encourage the greater use of local sustainable energy to address climate change, promote behaviour change or more sustainable travel.

**Selection criteria:**

- Programme must have been up and running for minimum of a year
- Projects should have potential to grow and be easy for others to replicate

**Applicant type:** Businesses, Social Enterprises, Not-for-profit groups, Public sector organisations

**Size of fund / support offered:**

- £10,000 - £20,000
- Local & national media exposure
- Broadcast-quality about your work
- Support to develop work further, build profile and access new networks

**Application process:** Short expression of interest should be submitted to awards team. Awards team invite promising applicants to submit a full application.

**Application date:** Applications accepted mid-June until autumn each year

**Website:** [www.ashden.org/uk\\_awards](http://www.ashden.org/uk_awards)





**Funding stream:** International Ashden Awards

**Key theme/s:** Access to Sustainable Energy, REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation)

**Funding goals:** Projects should target following areas:

- Sustainable energy that helps reduce deforestation in tropical forests
- Innovative finance mechanisms for sustainable energy
- Increasing energy access from renewable sources
- Sustainable energy humanitarian reconstruction programme

**Selection criteria:**

- Projects should increase access to renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency, bring social and economic benefits and cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, delivering a model that could be expanded and/or replicated Increasing energy access from renewable sources
- Must be financially sustainable

- Must be delivered in developing countries
- Projects must have been up and running for a minimum of a year

**Applicant type:** Businesses, Social Enterprises, Not-for-profit groups, Public sector organisations

**Size of fund / support offered:**

- £20,000 - £40,000
- National & International media exposure
- Business advice and access to new network
- Broadcast-quality about work

**Application process:** An online application form

**Application date:** Applications reviewed monthly

**Website:** [www.ashden.org/int\\_awards](http://www.ashden.org/int_awards)



**Funding stream:** Eurostar Ashden Awards for Sustainable Travel

**Key theme/s:** Sustainable transport

**Funding goals:** Encourage work which increases sustainable travel in Belgium, France or UK.

**Selection criteria:**

- Projects should cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions while bringing social and economic benefits
- Encourage more efficient use of transport network and non-car options
- Combine technology and behaviour change
- Model that can be expanded or replicated
- Financially sustainable

**Organisation type:** Businesses, Not-for-profit groups, Social Enterprises, Public sector organisations, Educational institutions

**Size of fund / support offered:**

- £3,000
- Local & national media exposure
- Opportunity to get voice heard
- Broadcast-quality video about the project

**Application process:** Online application

**Application date:** Applications close end of October

**Website:** [www.ashden.org/forms/register/travel/english](http://www.ashden.org/forms/register/travel/english)

## 2. Biffa Awards



**Funding stream:** Three funding levels: 1. Small grants scheme 2. Main grants scheme 3. Flagship scheme

**Key theme/s:** Biodiversity

**Funding goals:** Supports site-based projects that protect and enhance biodiversity across the UK, particularly those concentrating on species and habitats that have been identified as a priority in Biodiversity Action Plans.

**Selection criteria:** Each of the levels of funding have a set of similar set of eligibility criteria to varying degrees - the specific criteria should be checked to assist decision making as to the appropriate funding stream. The key criteria relate to:

- The project site's distance from a Biffa operation
- Project site distance from a landfill site
- Number of days per year of public access to the project

- Project eligibility under ENTRUST
- The use of funding requested (should not be for equipment or running costs)

**Applicant type:** Groups

**Size of fund / support offered:**

- Small grants scheme: £250 - £10,000
- Main grants scheme: £10,000 - £50,000
- Flagship scheme: £150,000 - £500,000

**Application process:** Application form for download on

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** Small Grants Scheme, Main Grants Scheme, Flagship Scheme

## 3. British Ecological Society



**Funding stream:** Research Grants

**Key theme/s:** Biodiversity, Ecology

**Funding goals:**

- New and innovative ecological research
- For pump priming projects
- To help early career ecologists to establish an independent research career in ecology.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Excellence of the ecological research being proposed
- How the project develops the hypothesis and provides
- Evidence for the next stage of the research
- Feasibility of the proposal

- Promise and productivity of the applicant, and ability to work independently
- Value for money and justification of the resources requested.

**Applicant type:** Only individuals who are BES members may apply

**Size of fund/support offered:** Small projects can be awarded up to £5,000 and early career ecologists can apply for funding up to £20,000

**Application process:** Online application forms accompanied by personal reference statements.

**Application date:** March and September

**Website:** [www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants)



**Funding stream:** Ecologists in Africa

**Key theme/s:** Biodiversity, Ecology

**Funding goals:** To support excellent ecological science in Africa by funding services and equipment.

**Selection Criteria:**

- The proposed work must be completed within 18 months.
- The grant can be used to pay for basic tools needed to conduct the research project, travel and in some cases part of the applicant's salary.
- It cannot be used for tuition fees.

**Applicant type:** Applicants must be a scientist and a citizen of

a country in Africa or its associated islands, have at least an MSc or equivalent degree, be working for a university or research institution in Africa (including field centres, NGOs, museums etc.) that provides basic research facilities and carry out the research in a country in Africa or its associated islands.

**Size of fund/support offered:** The maximum value of a grant is £8,000 for research and an additional sum up to £2,000 may be requested to fund travel.

**Application process:** Online application forms accompanied by personal reference statements.

**Application date:** September

**Website:** [www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants)



**Funding stream:** Outreach grants

**Key theme/s:** Biodiversity, Ecology

**Funding goals:**

- Support projects that increase public understanding of, and engagement with, ecology
- Stimulate discussion about ecology and its implications for society
- Inspire and enthuse people of all ages about the science of ecology, especially those not previously interested
- Develop skills in communicating the science of ecology

**Selection Criteria:** Awards are open to individuals and

organisations to organise public engagement events in ecology. This includes, but is not limited to, members of the BES, researchers, schools, museums, libraries and community groups.

**Applicant type:** Individuals and organisations who organise public engagement events in ecology. This includes, but is not limited to, members of the BES, researchers, schools, museums, libraries and community groups.

**Size of fund/support offered:** Up to £2,000

**Application process:** Online application forms accompanied by personal reference statements.

**Application date:** March and September

**Website:** [www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants)



**Funding stream:** Training and Travel Grants

**Key theme/s:** Biodiversity, Ecology

**Funding goals:** To help students and postgraduate research assistants to meet the costs of attending the INTECOL Congress and network and publicise their research by presenting their work at INTECOL Congress.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Have at least a BSc or equivalent degree
- Be working or studying at a university or research institution (including field centres, NGOs, museums, etc.) that provide research facilities

- Be working in scientific areas within the remit of the BES (the science of ecology) and of relevance to INTECOL 2013

**Applicant type:** Be a member of the BES and a student, postgraduate research assistant (RA) or their equivalent. Size of fund/support offered: Grants of up to £1,000 are available.

**Application process:** Online application forms accompanied by personal reference statements.

**Application date:** No deadline but instead there are two opening dates within a 12 month period, August and February.

**Website:** [www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants)

## 4. Cambridgeshire Community Foundation



**Funding stream:** The Natural Environment

**Key theme/s:** Reduce pollution (E1), Help limit climate change (E2), Improved green spaces (E3) **Funding goals:** To reduce the impact of waste, air pollution and climate change on the natural environment.

**Selection Criteria:**

- E1:** Reduce solid waste pollution, better water management
- E2:** Reduce impact of air pollution, support alternative power and transport, education for behavioural change
- E3:** Creation of more accessible open spaces, better diversity of open spaces, more biological diversity
- Evidence of need
  - Value for money

- Management & Governance

**Applicant type:** Organisations with an annual income in the region of £30,000 or less.

**Size of fund/support offered:** up to £1,000

**Application process:** Expression of interest forms can be submitted at any time, however most of Foundation panels meet on a quarterly basis in April, July, October and January, and some panels meet every 6 months. So applicants need to bear in mind that the Foundation may not be able to respond to an immediate need for funding.

**Application date:** Rolling.

**Website:** [www.cambscf.org.uk/core-grant-programmes.html](http://www.cambscf.org.uk/core-grant-programmes.html)

## 5. The Daphne Jackson Trust



**Key theme/s:** Return-to-work after breaks in science, engineering and technology careers

**Funding goals:** The Trust is an independent charity which offers flexible, part-time, paid fellowships to scientists, engineers and technologists who have taken a career break of two or more years for family, caring or health reasons.

**Selection Criteria:**

- A career break of at least two years' duration taken for family, caring or health reasons
- A good first degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM)
- At least 3 years in research prior to career break and/or
- PhD qualification

- Resident in the UK with the right to remain in the UK indefinitely

- Good command of English (spoken and written)
- Computer skills

**Applicant type:** Scientists, engineers and technologists who have taken a career break of two or more years for family, caring or health reasons.

**Size of fund/support offered:** Unclear

**Application process:** Enquiry, eligibility check, draft proposal, personal references, invitation to apply, pre-interview proposal, supervisors references, first interview, final proposal, technical reference, awards committee, award of fellowship.

**Application date:** Rolling.

**Website:** [www.daphnejackson.org](http://www.daphnejackson.org)

## 6. Defra



**Funding stream:** Landfill Communities Fund

**Funding goals:** The proceeds of this tax credit scheme, titled are managed by non-profit organisation Entrust. The concept is based on the use of tax credit to enable landfill site operators to contribute money to Environmental Bodies to undertake projects which improve the lives of communities living near landfill sites. The key environmental projects funded are remediation, pollution impact reduction, conservation (habitat and species). Building of public amenities such as community use buildings, facilities for parks etc is also funded under from the LCF).

**The two mediums through which LCF funding can be obtained are:**

**1.** From Distributive Environmental Bodies (e.g. Biffa Award, SITA Trust, WREN, GrantScape etc)

**2.** Directly from a landfill operator (a less common method as not all landfill operators take part in the LCF)

**Selection Criteria:** Not all, but most of these avenues have the following selection criteria:

- The organisation must not be controlled (directly or indirectly) by a Local Authority or be an Landfill Operator registered for landfill tax
- Registration with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body.

**Applicant type:** Not-for-profit organisations and charities

**Application date:** Rolling.

**Website:** [www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund](http://www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund)



## 7. Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund



**Funding stream:** Annual Conservation Grant, Rapid Response Fund

**Key theme/s:** Species and Habitat Conservation

**Funding goals:** The study of wildlife, the protection of habitats and community conservation and education. The goal is to support conservation organizations focused on long-term positive impacts for wildlife and habitats.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Proposal should be cooperative in nature and may have matching funds.
- Proposal should clearly contribute to the conservation of endangered or threatened species in the wild, their habitats and engage the communities that surround them through community based education programs.

- Proposal should build on previous work including an established commitment to a conservation program or is well suited to become or contribute to a long-term conservation program.
- The principle investigator affirms that the welfare of the animals identified in this study is not compromised.

**Applicant type:** Organisations, charities, businesses, institutes

**Size of fund/support offered:** Annual Conservation Grant up to \$25,000; Rapid Response Fund up to \$5,000

**Application process:** Online application

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [thewaltdisneycompany.com/citizenship/disney-worldwide-conservation-fund](http://thewaltdisneycompany.com/citizenship/disney-worldwide-conservation-fund)

## 8. Eaga Charitable Trust



**Funding stream:** Understanding and Combating Fuel Poverty

**Key theme/s:** Fuel Poverty

**Funding goals:** Support projects and research that contribute to combating fuel poverty and ensuring that energy services are fair and accessible for all groups of society. The trust also makes a small number of Masters bursary awards each year.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Rigorous academic / policy related research
- Robustly evaluated action projects that can offer new models for use on a wider scale
- Wider promotion of good practice will 'promote a better understanding of the links between fuel poverty and other financial and social exclusion agendas at the national and local levels.

**Applicant type:** All types of organisations and individual research consultants can apply.

**Size of fund/support offered:** There is no minimum or maximum grant.

**Application process:** Applicants should complete an application form which can be downloaded from the eaga Charitable trust. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Trust's manager at an early stage to discuss whether their ideas are likely to fall within the Trust's areas of interest.

**Application date:** There are currently no further dates set this year for funding rounds.

**Website:** [www.eagacharitabletrust.org](http://www.eagacharitabletrust.org)

## 9. EDF Energy



**Funding stream:** Green Fund

**Key theme/s:** Renewable energy

**Funding goals:** To support community, non-profit, charitable and educational organisations to invest in micro-generation renewable energy technologies

**Selection Criteria:**

- Funding will assist any technology which produces heat, electricity or other power, providing it has passed a successful trial phase.
- 20% of the fund may be put toward education aspects of the project

- Energy efficiency measures are not funded

**Applicant type:** Non-profit organisations (schools, universities, museums, churches, community buildings) not individuals or private companies.

**Size of fund/support offered:** Maximum size grant £30,000.

**Application process:** Application form available online.

**Application date:** Funding rounds close twice a year and applications are assessed through a two-stage judging process.

**Website:** [www.edfenergy.com/products-service](http://www.edfenergy.com/products-service)

## 10. Environment Wales



**Funding stream:** Various throughout each stage of a projects development: Start-up, pre-project, training support, project, management

**Funding goals:** The aim is to contribute to sustainable development by supporting and encouraging voluntary action to protect and improve the environment.

**Selection criteria:** Environmental Wales supports projects that aim to facilitate – environmental improvement, education and awareness, environmental enterprise and training and volunteers.

**Applicant type:** Voluntary organisations.

**Size of fund/ support offered:**

- Start-up Grants - £1,000
- Pre-Project Grants - £6,000
- Training Support Grants – £600
- Project Grants - £10,000
- Management Grant – £1,000 - £12,000

**Application Process:** Application must be through an assigned Development Officer.

**Application Date:** Rolling.

**Website:** [www.environment-wales.org](http://www.environment-wales.org)

## 11. Esmee Fairbairn



**Funding stream:** Main Fund

**Key theme/s:** Climate change, Noise pollution, Marine Protection, Environmental Education (through the arts)

**Funding goals:** Improving the quality of life throughout the UK through funding work which breaks new ground, deals with challenging and difficult issues, or needs and is sustainable and responsibly planned.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Work must be legally charitable
- Project addresses a significant gap in provision
- Develops or strengthens good practice
- Challenges convention, taking risks to address a difficult issue
- Tests new ideas / practices
- Takes an enterprising approach

- Aims to influence policy or change behaviour more widely
- Must not be work that “is”
  - primarily the responsibility of central / local government
  - Related to energy efficiency / waste reduction schemes
  - Research
  - Capital costs (e.g. building work, renovations, equipment)

**Size of fund/support offered:** The foundation sets no limits and makes grants across a wide spectrum, rarely smaller than £5,000 and rarely more than £500,000.

**Application process:** Two-stage application process. Submission of first stage application online which is then given an initial assessment by the board. If accepted the application moves onto a more detailed second stage.

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk](http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk)

## 12. European Union



**Funding stream:** LIFE+

**Key theme/s:** Two strands of the programme each with many levels of sub category:

**Environment:**

- Environment and Resource Efficiency;
- Nature and Biodiversity;
- Environmental Governance and Information.

**Climate Action:**

- Climate Change Mitigation;
- Climate Change Adaptation;

Climate Governance and Information. Environment:

**Selection Criteria:** Proposals must follow the award criteria of:

- Being of Union interest by making a significant contribution to the achievement of one of the general objects of the LIFE programme as well as the specific objectives for the priority areas and the thematic priorities;

- Ensuring a cost-effective approach and being technically and financially coherent;
  - Being sound in the proposed implementation.
- Full details listed in the Regulation.

**Application type:** Public bodies, private commercial organisations and private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs).

**Size of fund/support offered:** The total budget of the fund is €3.4 Billion. There is no fixed minimum size for project budgets, but the average grant awarded has been in excess of 1.5 million.

**Application process:** Yearly call for proposals (yet to be submitted for 2014)

**Application date:** TBD

**Website:** <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifepius.htm>



**Funding stream:** Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7)

**Key theme/s:** Climate change, Sustainable growth in marine & maritime sectors, Sustainable supply of raw materials to the EU, Safe and plentiful food, Agriculture, Energy supply and volatility, Sustainable, low carbon urban environments, Biotechnology.

**Funding goals:** FP7 is the EU's main instrument for funding research in Europe and is designed with the aim being to make, or keep the EU as a world leader in those sectors. Within the four main blocks of activities (Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities) the funds allocated to environmental research falls predominantly in Collaboration (Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology, Energy, Environment and climate change and Transport all fall into the Cooperation category).

**Applicant type:** Research groups at universities or research institutes, companies intending to innovate, SMEs, SME Associations or groupings, public or governmental administration, researchers, institutions running research infrastructures of trans-national interest, civil society organisations, international organisations.

**Size of fund/support offered:** Total allocated to the work programmes are: Environment and climate change (1.8M), Energy (2.3M), Transport (4.18M), Food Agriculture and Biotechnology (1.9M). The maximum reimbursement rates to the costs of a project depend on the funding scheme, the legal status of the participants and the type of activity. The standard reimbursement rate for research and technological development activities is 50%. Certain legal entities can receive up of 75%. For other activities (training, coordination, networking), the reimbursement can be up of 100% of the eligible costs.

**Application process:** Concrete plans for implementing the Specific Programme are announced by the European Commission in annual 'Work Programmes'. These work programmes include the schedule of 'Calls for Proposals', each of which usually covers specific research areas. All work programmes and the full text of Calls are published on the FP7 section of CORDIS, the web site dedicated to EU-supported research.

**Application date:** Various

**Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm)

## 13. Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES)



**Funding stream:** John Rose Award

**Key theme/s:** Postgraduate environmental science research

**Funding goals:** To honour and publicise outstanding postgraduate research which makes a significant contribution to current environmental debates.

**Selection Criteria:** Excellence in research and of interest to the public.

**Application type:** Candidates must have recently completed (within 12 months) or be about to complete a Maser's, MPhil or

PhD thesis at any UK Institution of Higher Education.

**Size of fund/support offered:** £1,000 is awarded to one successful research project each year.

**Application process:** Applications should be submitted electronically for review.

**Application date:** February. Final decisions are made late February.

**Website:** [www.ies-uk.org.uk/awards](http://www.ies-uk.org.uk/awards)



**Funding stream:** Ian McCrae Travel Award

**Key theme/s:** Professional support for early career air quality professionals

**Funding goals:** To support air quality professionals early in their career by enabling them to attend an air quality conference or training course in the UK or abroad.

**Selection Criteria:** Preference will be given to applicants who are presenting at a conference.

**Application type:** Open to Full and Associate Members of the IAQM within first ten years of their career. No age limit.

**Size of fund/support offered:** Up to £1,000 awarded each year.

**Application process:** Applications should be made through the application form between 1st July and 31st October. Winner will be announced in early November.

**Application date:** October

**Website:** [www.ies-uk.org.uk/awards](http://www.ies-uk.org.uk/awards)

## 14. John Ellerman Foundation



**Key theme/s:** Conservation (of threatened species, plants and habitats), Climate change and biodiversity, Sustainable living, Renewable energy technologies  
**Funding goals:** To support UK registered charities in five categories, of which one is National Conservation.

### Selection Criteria:

- Practical and enduring benefits of significant scale
- Collaborative work with others and sharing of ideas
- Recruitment, training and employment of a broad base of volunteers
- Effective operation with or alongside local communities and cultures
- Only applications from registered and exempt charities

will be considered

- The applicants remit must be national not local  
Application type: Charities

**Size of fund/support offered:** The minimum grant is £10,000.

**Application process:** Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. To apply, the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the applicant should be sent along with a letter outlining key characteristics of the charity. The second stage includes a more detailed application form and meeting with staff/Trustees.

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.ellerman.org.uk](http://www.ellerman.org.uk)



## 15. Naturesave Insurance



**Funding stream:** Naturesave Trust

**Key theme/s:** Conservation

**Funding goals:** Seeks to promote and implement sustainable development, environmental and/or conservationist improvement and/or 'green' issues.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Projects must be entirely UK based
- 'Research' projects will not be funded

- Prioritises start-up capital for small projects, not general administration costs of larger charity or company

**Application type:** Charities, voluntary organisations and businesses can apply (not individuals).

**Size of fund/support offered:** Not specified

**Application process:** Applications are dealt with on a rolling basis, there are no deadlines

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.naturesave.co.uk/trust\\_naturesave\\_about.html](http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave_about.html)

## 16. The Rufford Small Grants Foundation



**Key theme/s:** Nature Conservation

**Funding goals:** Help small conservation programmes and pilot projects.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Projects outside the first world
- Impact must be pragmatic, measurable and long lasting
- The grant must make up the majority of the total budget
- Funds must be used predominantly in the field
- Applications must be submitted through the online

- applications section of this website
- The project should generally be approx. 12-18 months duration

**Application type:** Individuals or small groups.

**Size of fund/support offered:** Initial small grant up to £6,000.

**Application process:** Register and apply online.

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.ruffordsmallgrants.org/rs](http://www.ruffordsmallgrants.org/rs)

## 17. Rushlight Awards



**Funding stream:** 29 awards addressing specific categories

**Key theme/s:** Energy, Water, Waste, Environmental management and monitoring

**Funding goals:** The 29 awards address five main priorities, promoting:

1. Natural energy sources
2. Clean energy (hydrogen, fuel cells)
3. Processed Energy (energy efficiency, nuclear etc)
4. Resources (water, waste management etc)
5. Environment (Air, land and water environments, environmental measurement etc)

**Selection Criteria:**

- Entrants must confirm their organisations have complied with environmental legislation and regulations

- With the exception of applications from registered charities,
- there is an entry fee of £100 plus VAT

Each of award has specific criteria detailed in the respective guidance document Organization type: All types of organisations may apply (public, private and voluntary sectors, voluntary sectors, research establishments) and of all sizes.

**Size of fund/support offered:** Total of £500,000 is awarded each year.

**Application process:** The same application form available for download from the website is used for all 29 awards. Entrants can enter as many categories as they wish but a separate application should be entered for each category entered. Certain award categories require additional supporting documents.

**Application date:** 31st October

**Website:** [www.rushlightawards.co.uk](http://www.rushlightawards.co.uk)

## 18. Veolia Environmental Trust



**Funding stream:** Veolia Environment Trust

**Key theme/s:** Conservation, Pollution remediation & Biodiversity

**Funding goals:** The fund supports community and environmental projects across the UK, with 5 key categories: Reclamation of Land, Remediation of Pollution, Public amenities, Conservation of Biodiversity and Restoration of Building of Historic Interest.

**Selection Criteria:** Projects must be within 5 miles of a Veolia site

**Application type:** Not for profit groups only (with constitution, annual elections and group account).

**Size of fund/support offered:** The average Trust award is approximately £24,000. The maximum project grant is £100,000,

**Application process:** The application process can take sometime as each stage includes careful appraisal of the project. The exact process depends on the category within which the project falls.

**Application date:** January, April, July, October

**Website:** [www.veoliatrust.org/apply](http://www.veoliatrust.org/apply)

## 19. Wallace Global Fund



**Key theme/s:** Protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends

**Funding goals:** To promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends

**Selection Criteria:** The Fund supports activities at the global and national level, and will consider significant local or regional initiatives offering the potential to leverage broader national or global impact.

**Application type:** Applicants based in the United States must be registered 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organizations. Applicants based outside the United States must show 501(c)(3) equivalency under U.S. law.

**Size of fund/support offered:** Unclear although previous grants have ranged from \$20,000 (USD) to \$120,000 (USD).

**Application process:** All applicants must submit a letter of inquiry of no more than two pages briefly describing the mission and history of the applying organization, goals of the initiative(s), specific objectives, and accompanying strategies. The letter must also state the organization's current annual operating budget and primary sources of income. Applicants based in the United States must also include as appendices the IRS 501(c)(3) documentation letter and a copy of the most recent IRS Form 990.

**Application date:** March, June, September and December

**Website:** [www.wgf.org](http://www.wgf.org)

## 20. The Waterloo Foundation



**Funding stream:** Environment

**Key theme/s:** Marine and tropical rainforests

**Funding goals:** The fund aims to support projects which can help mitigate the damaging effects that humans are having on the environment.

**Selection criteria:** There are two sub streams:

- Marine - preference will be given to initiatives working to halt critically dependable declining fish stocks. Practical local projects and strategic initiatives will be considered.
- Forests - preference will be given to initiatives working to protect tropical rainforests for their value to the climate,

communities and biodiversity, principally through avoided deforestation. Practical local projects and strategic initiatives will be considered.

**Applicant type:** UK based charities and non-governmental/profit organisations are prioritised  
**Size of fund/support offered** £50,000 - £100,000

**Application process:** Email proposal

**Application date**

- Marine – March + September
- Tropical Rainforests – June + December

**Website:** [www.waterloofoundation.org.uk](http://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk)

## 21. Woodroffe Benton Foundation



**Funding stream:** Environment & Conservation

**Key theme/s:** Conservation

**Funding goals:** Environmental Conservation/Preservation/Protection/Improvement - in particular where this would encourage the provision of access by members of the general public

**Selection Criteria:** Preference is to support smaller charities since modest donations are capable of providing potentially greater benefit in such cases.

**Applicant type:** Any charitable organisation based in the

UK is eligible to apply for a grant, as are any educational institutions (schools, universities, etc.) whether or not they have charitable status.

**Size of fund/support offered:** £250 - £2,500

**Application process:** Online application form.

**Application date:** Meetings of the Trustees are held quarterly, in the second or third week of January, April, July and October. The deadline for the receipt of applications is approximately 3 weeks prior to each meeting.

**Website:** [www.woodroffebenton.org.uk](http://www.woodroffebenton.org.uk)

## 22. Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation



**Funding stream:** Open fund – Strategic aim: Environment

**Funding goals:** To improve societal wellbeing, particularly amongst the most vulnerable, by establishing connections which deliver social, cultural and environmental value.

**Selection criteria:** The specific focus of the environment stream changes annually, for 2014, Projects should be designed to foster connections and build capacity of the environmental sector to influence the marine environment and protect our oceans.

Projects must take place in the UK or ROI and directly benefit people in those countries, international partners in these

projects are also desired.

**Applicant type:** Not individuals.

**Size of fund / support offered:** Typically £10,000 - £30,000

**Application process:** Complete online Initial Inquiry Form

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** <http://gulbenkian.org.uk/open-fund/fund.html>

## 23. Garfield Weston Foundation



**Funding stream:** Environment

**Key theme/s:** Conservation and sustainability

**Funding goals:** The Foundation supports a range of environment projects ranging from organisations that raise public awareness of, and to undertake finding solutions to specific issues (e.g. sustainable fishing sources and community based solutions such as gardens).

**Selection criteria:** Great variability in application type as each individual proposal is assessed by the Trustees. General guidelines are available.

**Applicant type:** Charities

**Size of fund / support offered:**

Regular Grants - £1,000 - £99,999

Major Grants –£100,000 and over

**Application process:** Online application form

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org)

## 24. Heritage Lottery Fund



**Funding stream**

- Heritage Grants
- Townscape Heritage
- Parks for People
- Landscape Partnerships

**Key theme/s:** Built environment, conservation and ecology

**Funding goals:** Various programmes to preserve the national heritage of the UK, whether it is built or natural.

**Selection criteria:** Varies specifically by stream however generally, projects serve to improve the management and condition of heritage. Help develop skills and education of heritage within the local community, reduce negative environmental impacts and catalyse engagement with heritage.

**Applicant type:** Non-profit organisations and partnerships led by non-profit organisations.

**Size of fund / support offered:**

- Heritage Grants: Over £100,000
- Townscape Heritage: £100,000 to £2million
- Parks for People: \$100,000 to £5million
- Landscape Partnerships: \$100,000 to £3million

**Application process:** It is suggest that applicants submit a project enquiry form before applying to get feedback on the proposal. An online form must then be completed.

**Application date:** Varies by stream

**Website:** [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)



## 25. NERC



**Funding stream:** Strategic Research

**Funding goals:** To support organisations in research into environmental areas of major economic and societal importance.

**Selection criteria:** NERC plans strategic research funding opportunities via its Strategic Programme Advisory Group, which uses ideas from the community on where strategic research should be targeted.

Once strategic research funding opportunities have been agreed, the community are asked to respond with grant proposals.

**Applicant type:** Research organisation, academic institution

**Size of fund / support offered:**

- Standard grants: £65,000 - £1.2million
- Large grants: £1.2million - £3.7million
- Urgency grants: £65,000 maximum

**Application process:** Extensive application through Joint Electronic System (JeS) online process

**Application date:** Rolling - various calls potentially available

Urgency grants available any time following the Urgency procedure

**Website:** [www.nerc.ac.uk](http://www.nerc.ac.uk)



**Funding stream:** Discovery Science (responsive mode)

**Funding goals:** NERC's discovery science (responsive mode) funding stream supports excellent environmental research that is driven by curiosity rather than by NERC's wider strategic priorities. Asking fundamental questions about how the world works often turns out to have wide-ranging social and economic benefits.

**Selection criteria:** Three types of grant:

- Standard: An open competition for curiosity-motivated basic, strategic or applied research.
- Large: Potentially world-leading research, proposals will often involve multidisciplinary approaches via inter- or intra-institutional collaboration, although this is not a requirement. Large grants can address any area of science within the NERC remit, including NERC strategic priorities or new curiosity-driven research challenges.

Urgency: Urgency grants are intended to allow scientists to

respond rapidly to unexpected and transient events affecting the environment.

**Applicant type:** Research organisation or academic institution

**Size of fund / support offered:** Same as with strategic research

**Application process:** Standard: Submit application through JeS system before twice annual deadline. Proposals are then assessed on their "scientific excellence" by moderating panels in June and December. The panel will grade the proposal and make recommendations for funding.

**Application date**

- Standard: 22 July 2014 (Annual closing dates of January and July)
- Large: Outline: 20 March 2014
- Full proposal: 11 November 2014 Urgency: Rolling

**Website:** [www.nerc.ac.uk/funding](http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding)

## 26. Scottish Environmental Protection Agency



**Funding stream:** Water Environment Fund

**Key theme/s:** Environmental management, conservation and ecology, hydrology

**Funding goals:** To restore Scotland's catchments where historical activities have left them damaged.

**Selection criteria:**

Projects funded will:

- Restore the morphology of the water environment
- Remove barriers to fish migration
- Control invasive non-native species

**Applicant type:** Applications from all levels welcomed.

**Size of fund / support offered:**

Two levels:

- Up to £10,000
- Over £10,000

**Application process:** Email submission of application form

**Application date:**

Up to £10,000 – any time

Over £10,000 – January

**Website:** [www.sepa.org.uk/water/water\\_environment\\_fund.aspx](http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/water_environment_fund.aspx)

## 27. Summerfield Charitable Trust



**Key Themes:** Sustainability

**Funding goals:** To help fund innovative and imaginative projects that aim to improve the local environment.

**Selection criteria:** Must be based in the six district councils of Gloucestershire or engaged so as to benefit residents of the county. The project should aim to improve the local environment and/or natural heritage.

**Applicant type:** Charities, community groups and non-profit organisations.

**Size of fund / support offered:** £500 to £20,000

**Application process:** Complete Stage 1 Grant Application Form.

**Application date:** The Trustees meet quarterly; the respective deadlines may vary by specific date annually:

- January, March, May, September

**Website:** [www.summerfield.org.uk](http://www.summerfield.org.uk)

## 28. The Conservation Foundation



**Funding stream:** Young Scientists for Rainforests

**Key theme/s:** Conservation and ecology

**Funding goals:** To help ethno-medical and ethno-botanical research in rainforests anywhere in the world.

**Size of fund / support offered:** Around £1,000

**Application process:** Email brief details of research programme to the foundation.

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.conservationfoundation.co.uk](http://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk)

## 29. The Leverhulme Trust



**Funding stream:** Various: Awards, Grants, Fellowships

**Funding goals:** The aim is to fund original research that advances knowledge of the planet and ourselves.

**Selection criteria:** No strategic priorities are set and no academic disciplines are emphasised, the primary consideration is of the quality, significance and originality of the research.

**Applicant type:** Academic Institutions

**Size of fund / support offered:** Varying, grants available up to £1.75million

**Fellowships:** Up to £45,000 Philip Leverhulme Prize: £100,000 (30 available annually).

**Application process:** Online application system

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.leverhulme.ac.uk](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk)

## 30. The Technology Strategy Board



**Funding stream:** Energy Catalyst

**Key theme/s:** Energy

**Funding goals:** To accelerate innovation in the energy sector from concept to pre-commercial readiness by providing investment and support at the time, in the way and at the scale innovators need it.

**Selection Criteria:** The Energy Catalyst is intended to encourage projects which emphasise:

- new technologies
- enhancement or alternative applications of existing technologies
- development of components, sub-systems or systems
- integrated whole-system approaches

- enabling technologies for the energy system.

**Applicant type:**

Businesses and researchers

**Size of fund/support offered:**

- Early-stage: Up to £300,000
- Mid-stage: £500,000 - £3million
- Late-stage: £1million - £10million

**Application process:** Submit an expression of interest online

**Application date:**

Early-stage: October, mid and late-stage: August

**Website:** <https://www.innovateuk.org>

## 31. Waste Recycling Environment Limited (WREN)



**Funding stream:** Biodiversity Action Fund

**Key theme/s:** Biodiversity, Conservation

**Funding goals:** Annually assigned funding, designed to facilitate projects under Object DA of the Landfill Communities Fund

**Selection criteria:** The project must fall under Object DA of the Landfill Communities Fund and achieve Habitat Action Plan/Species Action Plan like targets through specific improvements. Projects must be sited at clearly identified site(s) within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site in WREN's operating areas.

**Applicant type:** Organisations (for and not-for-profit), charities, community groups, also Local Authorities and Governmental bodies.

**Size of fund / support offered:** £75,000 - £250,000

**Application process:** Applicant must be in an eligible geographical area, if so then complete the online form

**Application date:** 31 January each year

**Website:** [www.wren.org.uk/schemes/biodiversity-action-fund](http://www.wren.org.uk/schemes/biodiversity-action-fund)

## 32. Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)



**Funding stream:** Rural Community Energy Fund

**Key theme/s:** Energy, sustainability

**Funding goals:** Supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to the community.

**Selection criteria:** Representation of a rural community of fewer than 10,000 residents or more than 10,000 but within a local authority area which is classified as 'predominantly rural.' The project should be planning a renewable energy project which will provide a legacy for the future benefit of the community and use a proven renewable technology.

**Applicant type:** A legal entity representing a rural community.

**Size of fund / support offered:** Up to £150,000

**Application process:** Submit application form as part of Stage 1 – a feasibility report.

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.wrap.org.uk/node/14587](http://www.wrap.org.uk/node/14587)



**Funding stream:** Mixed plastics loan fund

**Key theme/s:** Waste management

**Funding goals:** Support the development of new mixed plastics recycling capacity in England.

- The fund aims to increase the UK's capacity to recycle its non-bottle plastic packaging by at least 100,000 tonnes per year by 2015.

**Selection criteria:** A project to develop sorting or reprocessing capacity for mixed plastics (UK household non-bottle plastic packaging waste) of over 7,500 tonnes per annum (2,000 tonnes

per annum for MRFs) and are finding it difficult to obtain finance from the usual commercial sources.

**Applicant type:** Business

**Size of fund / support offered:**  
Typical maximum £1.million

**Application process:** Submit Eligibility Checklist by email

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.wrap.org.uk/content/mixed-plastics-loan-fund](http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/mixed-plastics-loan-fund)





**Funding stream:** Anaerobic Digestion Loan Fund (ADLF)

**Key theme/s:** Waste management, energy

**Funding goals:** To ensure that food waste is diverted from landfill or from other, less environmentally sustainable operations, up the waste hierarchy by leveraging and topping up private sector funding.

A fund for Small scale Anaerobi Digestion plants on farms is also available.

**Selection criteria:** Applicants seeking to develop Anaerobi Digestion processing capacity yet are unable to obtain sufficient investment capital from conventional sources.

**Applicant type:** Business

**Size of fund / support offered:**

- £50,000 - £1million

**Application process:** Complete Eligibility Checklist and request an application form.

**Application date:** Rolling

**Website:** [www.wrap.org.uk/content/ad-loan-fund](http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/ad-loan-fund)

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