

## Resources

### Useful contacts for fundraising

#### Allotments Regeneration Initiative (ARI)

ARI's mentors can give you hands-on advice and contacts on fundraising. Travel bursaries of up to £300 are available to any group of people involved in creating or regenerating allotments who want to visit other sites to learn about good practice. Other factsheets include toilet installation, health and safety, promotion etc. and can be downloaded from the website. Free postal newsletter.

Tel. (0117) 963 1551  
www.farmgarden.org.uk/ari  
ari@farmgarden.org.uk



#### National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG)

Can provide legal advice on income generating activities or change of use of allotments. Seed scheme, magazine and insurance scheme for members. Organise National Allotments Week each year.

Tel. (01536) 266 576  
www.nsalg.org.uk  
natsoc@nsalg.org.uk



#### Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (FCFCG)

Advice, support and publications including the Community Garden Starter Pack.

Tel. (0117) 923 1800  
www.farmgarden.org.uk  
admin@farmgarden.org.uk



#### Funding Central

Grants directory website of funding opportunities for community groups and resources to develop sustainable income strategies.

www.fundingcentral.org.uk



#### Fit4funding

Help and advice for voluntary organisations and community groups who are seeking funding. Information, advice, training and regular funding updates by e-mail.

Tel. (01924) 239 063  
www.fit4funding.org.uk

#### Council for Voluntary Service (or similar)

May be able to help you: set up an association; write a constitution; form a business plan (project plan); find out about grants e.g. grant searches using computer databases like 'Funder Finder'; fill out grant applications; find volunteer teams for your project.

England: NAVCA  
Tel. (0114) 278 6636  
www.navca.org.uk  
navca@navca.org.uk

Wales: WCVA  
Tel. (029) 2043 1700  
www.wcva.org.uk  
www.nicva.org

Northern Ireland: NICVA  
Tel. (028) 9087 7777

Scotland: SCVO  
Tel. (0131) 556 3882  
www.scvo.org.uk

#### The Charity Commission

If you decide that you want to set up a charity, this is who to contact. An association should be an adequate structure for most fundraising purposes.

Tel. (0845) 300 0218  
www.charitycommission.gov.uk

## Directory of Social Change

Publish books and run courses on finance, fundraising, management, trustees etc.

Tel. (020) 7391 4800  
www.dsc.org.uk

## Locality (previously known as Development Trusts Association)

Development trusts are defined as organisations which are engaged in the economic, environmental and social regeneration of a defined area or community. Existing development trusts may be able to advise your association on income generation activities or give you advice on setting up your own.

Tel. (0845) 458 8336  
www.locality.org.uk

## Permaculture Association

Monthly magazine includes income-generating ideas from gardening, crafts and related activities.

Tel. (0845) 458 1805  
www.permaculture.org.uk

## Grant schemes relevant to allotment projects

Please note that grant schemes go out of date very quickly. This list was compiled in August 2011 and should be read alongside the fact sheet *An Introduction to Grants*.

## Sources of public funding or government grants

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### Landfill Communities Fund

Guidelines for the scheme stipulate that allotments are excluded 'since they are used by individuals, not the general public'. However, a number of allotment associations have secured some funding for activities that provide a public amenity (e.g. wildlife gardens, community composting, community building).

Projects seeking funding must be within 10 miles of an active landfill site. The most common way to receive funding is through

an organisation which distributes funds on behalf of landfill operators, known as a Distributive Environmental Body (DEB). A list of DEBs throughout the UK can be found on ENTRUST's website, along with application forms and guidance.

Tel. (01926) 488 300  
www.entrust.org.uk

Some landfill operators run their own schemes and give money directly to organisations e.g. Biffa, SITA (see below). In England and Wales you can find a list of landfill sites on the HM Revenue and Customs (HRMC) website:  
<http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk>

### Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Gives funding to projects that contribute to the regeneration of coalfields communities. Gives grants up to £5,000 in England and Scotland (up to £10,000 in Wales) for projects that can be completed within 12 months. Also gives large grants of up to £200,000 to bigger voluntary, community and statutory organisations.

Tel. (0800) 064 8560  
www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

### Biffaward

Grants for community and environmental projects across the UK. Has a small grants scheme (£250-£5000) for projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife.

Tel. (01636) 670 000  
biffaward@rswt.org  
www.biffaward.org

### SITA Enhancing Communities Programme

Support projects that make physical improvements to community facilities.

www.sitatrust.org.uk

## Charitable trust funding

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### Action Earth: Small grants

Small grants of between £50 (in England and Wales) and £250 (in Scotland) to assist groups in carrying out environmental projects.

www.actionearth.org.uk

### **BBC Children in Need**

Grants available for projects benefiting disadvantaged children. Runs a small grants scheme of up to £10,000 a year, for three years. Open to not-for-profit organisations working with children and young people under the age of 18.

[www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)

### **BT Community Connections**

An award scheme which offers community groups the chance to get online and access the internet. If your group helps the community access the internet and improves people's ICT skills, you could be eligible to apply for a year's free broadband.

[www.btcommunityconnections.com](http://www.btcommunityconnections.com)

### **BT Community Website Builder**

Enables community groups to build and maintain their own website free of charge.

[www.communitykit.co.uk](http://www.communitykit.co.uk)

### **CLA Charitable Trust (Country Land and Business Association)**

Promotes access to, and education about, the countryside for young people and the disabled or disadvantaged.

Tel. (01636) 823 835

[www.cla.org.uk](http://www.cla.org.uk)

### **Comic Relief**

Supports work by community-led organisations. Large and small grants are available to charities or constituted groups.

[www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant)

### **Community Foundations**

Network of over 50 charities located across the UK, which provide funding to strengthen local communities. See website to find your local Community Foundation.

Tel. (020) 7713 9326

[network@communityfoundations.org.uk](mailto:network@communityfoundations.org.uk)

[www.communityfoundations.org.uk](http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk)

### **The Co-operative Membership Community Fund**

Funds community projects of up to £2,000, which address a community issue, provide good long-term benefit, and support cooperative values.

Tel. (0844) 262 4001

[communityfund@co-operative.coop](mailto:communityfund@co-operative.coop)

[www.co-operative.coop/communityfund](http://www.co-operative.coop/communityfund)

### **Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**

This large grant-giving body has a funding strand prioritising the enjoyment of and access to food (rather than its production).

Tel. (020) 7812 3700

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

### **Groundwork**

Works with community groups to make changes to local places across the country. They may also know about local funding. See website to find your local trust.

Tel. (0121) 236 8565

[info@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:info@groundwork.org.uk)

[www.groundwork.org.uk](http://www.groundwork.org.uk)

### **In Kind Direct**

Distributes surplus goods from industry to voluntary organisations throughout the UK.

Tel. (020) 7398 5510

[info@inkinddirect.org](mailto:info@inkinddirect.org)

[www.inkinddirect.org](http://www.inkinddirect.org)

### **Lions, Roundtable, and Rotary clubs**

Generally support humanitarian causes rather than environmental. Worth making contact with your local groups to see if you can help each other in any way.

To find your local group visit:

[www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org)

[www.roundtable.org.uk](http://www.roundtable.org.uk)

[www.ribi.org](http://www.ribi.org)

### **Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales Community Programme**

Supports small and medium registered charities whose core work helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in communities across England and Wales, particularly through improved social and community involvement.

Tel. (0870) 411 1223

[www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk](http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk)

## Lottery funding

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Lottery funders are the organisations that distribute lottery money to local communities and national projects. The most relevant funds for allotments are the Big Lottery Fund and Awards for All. However, when new funding streams are developed these are advertised on the website: [www.lotteryfunding.org.uk](http://www.lotteryfunding.org.uk)

### Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund is the largest lottery distributor and will fund projects that bring improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. Their remit covers health, education, environment and charitable purposes.

Advice line: (0845) 4 10 20 30  
[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

### Awards for All

Lottery grants scheme funding small (up to £10,000) local community-based projects in the UK. The programme aims to help improve local communities including creating stronger communities and improved urban environments.

Advice line: (0845) 4 10 20 30  
[www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk)

## Grants from companies and local businesses

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Many large companies have made a commitment to and will support projects in their local area or in their field of activities.

Some businesses choose to support a local charity, sponsor a local event, or encourage employees to volunteer for community activities and give them paid time off for this. For example, HSS the Hire Company offer discounted hire rates to all registered charities and community projects and have provided over £250,000 of free hire in the last 2 years. [www.hsshiregroup.com/csr](http://www.hsshiregroup.com/csr)

Some businesses support projects suggested by employees; it would be worthwhile for an Allotment Association in search of funding for a project to canvas their members to find out where they work and ask them to approach their CSR department.

## Grants available in Scotland only

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### Voluntary Action Fund - Community Chest

Provides grants of up to £1000 to voluntary and community based organisations across Scotland.

Tel. (01383) 620 780  
[www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk)

### 2014 Communities

A Big Lottery Fund Scotland programme which aims to build a legacy of wellbeing before and beyond the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014. Grants of between £300 and £2,000 to support grass roots involvement in physical activity, including gardening projects.

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_2014\\_communities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities)

### Scottish Community Foundation

Gives grants of up to £2,000 to a broad cross-section of constituted groups involved in social welfare and community development activities, through their Express Community Grants Scheme.

[www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities](http://www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities)

## Grants available in Wales only

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### Community Facilities and Activities Programme

Provides funding for the provision of facilities within communities and for activities engaging local people, which will help promote the regeneration of communities.

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants>

### Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Manages a range of grant schemes that support local voluntary organisations, communities, groups and volunteers throughout Wales.

Tel. (0800) 587 8898  
[www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk)